

Georgia Mae Ogburn's Award Made Possible By A Former Student She Nearly Expelled

By Tim Nicholas

The young Chilean seminary student stood before Georgia Mae Ogburn's desk. He had been called in because he planned to organize a strike against the kitchen at the seminary.

"I want to put some facts on you," Miss Ogburn, then in charge of stretching the kitchen budget, told the young man. "In the first place this is a Christian institution and we do not have unions or strikes. And you're not going to go hungry. This money is being provided for you to be here; many others would like to be here in your place."

"So you have a choice; you can go on strike or accept the facts and get what you came here to get. But if you choose to go on strike, you can walk out that door and keep going."

Years later that same young man, Arturo Fernandez, now associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile, nominated Miss Ogburn for the highest award Chile gives to a foreigner.

Last May, in special ceremonies in Washington, D. C. she was presented the Bernardo O'Higgins award given in recognition of "contributions to the moral, educational, and spiritual life of the Chilean people."

"Bernardo O'Higgins is like George Washington to us," explains Miss Ogburn, for 35 years Baptist foreign missionary to Chile. "He's the father of the country."

And in September she returned to Chile to participate in the country's independence day celebrations at the in-

stitution of the government. She was accompanied by her home pastor, Rev. Tinnin of First Baptist Church, Meridian; Mrs. Harrison Gregory, Woman's Missionary Union president; and James Lee Young, feature editor for Baptist Press.

Says Tinnin, "The feeling of the missionaries today, is she did her job well. The WMU in Chile is the unifying force and the most mission-minded agency of the Baptist mission there."

Miss Ogburn was a missionary in Chile from 1940 until Nov. 28, 1975. At first she reorganized and was head of the Woman's Bible Institute, which was later combined with the Chilean Baptist Seminary as a department. "Our objective was to prepare Chilean women for working in their churches,"

says Miss Ogburn. She taught men and women high school math, child psychology, and Bible.

"But education does not just include subject matter — it includes how to conduct yourself, and adjust your attitudes toward life," she says.

In 1948 she became executive secretary of the South American nation's Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. "When I first took over, on the executive committee there were 13 members, but only three were Chileans. I said this is not good. Chileans should be in leadership roles," she says.

When she left Chile last year, there were 14 executive committee members with only one a missionary. "When I started in WMU work," she recalls, "I set a goal of trying to visit



Miss Ogburn and Bev Tinnin display a Chilean newspaper depicting the Independence Day celebration they were invited to attend.

all the societies all over the country asking them information on their organization," she says. And during her service there, Miss Ogburn went just about everywhere. This is how she got to one particular area called Lliama

where Baptist work was developing. "From a train to a lumber truck to three hours on horseback, we'd teach and preach and have baptism services in a river of water melted from a volcano." (Continued on page 2)



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Pre-Convention Roundup

Special Events And Services Add Interest To Annual Meeting of Mississippi Baptists

Sending...

... messages to the general public from the Convention speakers will be a product found in everyone's home; the radio.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will be on radio with live broadcasts this year, possibly for the first time in history.

Robert Nations, manager of WJFR, an FM station in Jackson at 96.3 on the dial, said his station will be transmitting live portions of every session of the convention. On two occasions the format of the convention will not lend itself to live transmissions, and portions will be taped for later broadcast in connection with live presentations, Nations said.

For the most part, the radio presentations will feature music and messages. Accordingly, as the convention is on schedule, the broadcasts will begin at 9:40 a.m. Nov. 16, the first day, with the choral praise of the sanctuary choir of First Baptist Church, Leland, and continue through the president's address of Dr. James Richardson pastor of the Leland

Church and the congregational singing afterward. Then at 11 a.m. the broadcast will pick up the Praise Singers of First Baptist Church, New Albany, and go through the convention sermon to be preached by Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor of the church.

On Tuesday afternoon at 1:20 p.m. WJFR will pick up instrumental music leading to congregational singing and solos by Jamall Badry and go through the Bible Treasure address of Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor of Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Lucedale. Beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday the station will broadcast the men's quartet of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, and the message of Dr. Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Nations indicated that his station probably would record the vocal praise of Badry at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday followed by the Bible Treasure message of Rev. Mel Craft, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, to be played in connection with the live transmission of an award to Dr. Joe Odle, former editor of the Baptist Record, by the SBC Sunday School Board,

the choral praise of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and Mississippi Singing Women, and a message by Dr. Odle, all coming later in the evening session.

On Wednesday morning radio will tape the vocal praise of Badry and the Bible Treasure message of Dr. Howard Spell, retired Mississippi College faculty member, and broadcast them in connection with the message of Dr. Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, at 11:30 a.m. The plan is to come back live at 2:10 p.m. with Badry and the Bible Treasure message of Rev. David Pratt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winona, then pick up at 3:25 p.m. the choral praise of the Temple Belles of the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

At 4:30 p.m. WJFR will pick up the message of Rev. James Fancher, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and pastor-elect of Northminster Baptist Church of Jackson.

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the choir of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, and the message of Rev. Lewis Myers Jr., a foreign missionary from Mississippi now on loan to the Home Mission Board for Vietnamese refugee relations.

On Thursday morning the station plans to pick up the Bible Treasure Message of Rev. James Hurt, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church of Cleveland at 9:50. Then beginning at 10:55 WJFR plans to pick up congregational singing and go through the conclusion of the convention, ending with the message of Dr. Edwin Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

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Injury Stops Signing

Donna Barnett, missionary to the deaf in Louisiana, explains new Sunday School Board curriculum to deaf and workers with the deaf during a meeting in Jackson. Rodney Webb, Mississippi language missions coordinator, interprets for Mrs. Barnett who had an injured finger.

Communication among the deaf is made difficult by any injury to the hand or arm.

Other subjects of discussion during the weekend meeting at the Baptist Building included techniques for Vacation Bible School for the deaf and how to develop a youth program for the deaf.

At Baptist College Iranians Protest Compulsory Chapel

MURFREESBORO, N. C. (EP) — About 55 of the 65 Iranian students attending Southern Baptist-related Chowan College here have been protesting alleged discrimination against them by the college administration.

Among their complaints is compulsory chapel attendance for non-Christians, and what they consider unjust disciplinary measures.

Speaking for the protesting Iranians, A. H. Amirani said many come to Chowan "because it's easy to get into" and because the Iranian government recommends it. He noted that Iranians in the United States with student visas lose them if suspended from school.

Dean Franklin Lowe speculated that "there was outside influence involved in this whole matter. It has been extremely well orchestrated, since the Iranian students here have received very careful advice and have managed to stay just inside the law."

Association Expells Church Over 'Alien Baptism' Issue

ANDERSON, S. C. (BP) — Local church autonomy clashed with that of the local association here when Saluda Baptist Association voted 450-87 to expel First Baptist Church, Clemson, S. C., over the church's receiving of per-

sons from other churches without requiring baptism by immersion. The Clemson church's policy was adopted in August, 1974.

The action, taken during the association's annual meeting here at Varen-

nes Heights Baptist Church, followed a recommendation by the association's executive committee to withdraw associational membership from the church, located near the Clemson University campus. The church's pastor is Roger Lovette.

The association's action does not affect the church's affiliation with the South Carolina Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention.

The associational executive committee's recommendation stated: "In view of the fact that Clemson First Baptist Church has failed to rescind the action concerning the receiving of members who have not been immersed from churches of other faiths, the (associational) executive committee regrettably recommends that fellowship with the First Baptist Church of Clemson be withdrawn and, if at a later time it is found in compliance with the bylaws and constitution of this association, that full fellowship be restored on proper request from the Clemson First Baptist Church."

Immediate reaction on both sides was of regrets, the Clemson church leaders expressed disappointment at the action, according to reports.

The association's executive committee had noted the action taken in 1974 by the Clemson church and appointed a committee in January 1975 to contact the church. The committee brought to the annual meeting in October 1975 a plan to the church to reaffirm "scriptural baptism."

When the committee met in September it voted to recommend that the church be excluded from associational membership.

The church was declared guilty of violating the association's constitution, which requires that member churches accept persons from other churches who have been baptized by immersion only or who agree to be baptized by immersion.

Persons baptized into the Clemson church are immersed. But the church accepts as members persons who have been baptized by sprinkling or pouring, reports said, a practice not acceptable under the association's bylaws.

5,000 Decisions Recorded During Crusade In Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP) — About 5,000 people made decisions for Jesus Christ during a recent Luis Palau crusade here, according to Southern Baptist missionary Judi (Mrs. Tom) Kent.

On the final Sunday afternoon of the 10-day crusade more than 17,000 people gathered in the stadium to hear Palau, a well-known Latin American

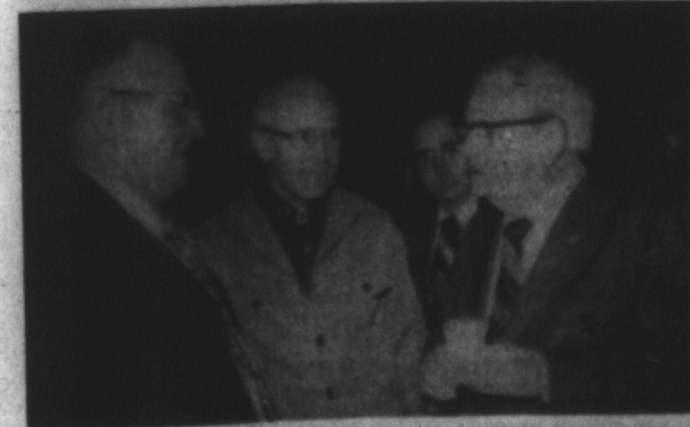
evangelist. Baptist churches are among those following up on the response of the new believers. Followup procedures include nightly age-level Bible studies. Pastors and other members of Baptist churches have pledged their support to help the new believers grow in their faith and become affiliated with church fellowships, according to Mrs. Kent.

"In many churches, families are being united in Christ for the first time after years of praying," Mrs. Kent said. "One young wife said that her husband had forbidden her to attend church for three years, by she kept praying. During the Palau campaign, she finally convinced him to attend with her and a friend. And the close of the service, she accompanied her friend who wanted to make a decision for Christ. She turned around to find her husband there for counseling, too."

A young married man told his church when he accepted Christ recently that he was deeply concerned that his mother accept Christ also. The young man went with his family to the crusade. The first night his sister accepted Christ and the second night, another relative made the same decision.

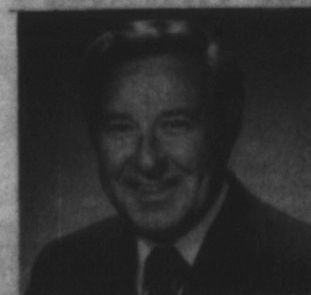
The third night his mother made her decision for Christ.

At a luncheon for professionals, Palau spoke to over 300 persons. He invited the doctors, dentists, lawyers, military personnel and others present to "give their lives to Christ to be 'at' (yes) on the back of the cross beside each place setting. Fifty persons responded.



Pastor's Retreat

Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, the retired pastor of First Baptist Church there, was the Bible study leader for the Pastor's Retreat Oct. 25-27 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton. He is shown at right during a break time with, left to right, Paul J. Crocker of Vardaman; Hollis Bryant, director of association missions for Calhoun Baptist Association; and James Shumate of Vardaman. Other speakers included Jerry Brown of the Sunday School Board on pastoral relationship, James Barry of the Sunday School Board in preaching, John Havlik of the Home Mission Board on Evangelism in the Church, and Roy Edgemon of the Home Mission Board on Deacons and Evangelism. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, spoke on counseling; and Mrs. Martha Nelson, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Polahatchie, spoke on family relationships.



Horace Kerr

Religious Emphasis Week Is Nov. 8-10 At Medical Center

"Religious Emphasis Week" is set for November 8-10 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, with a program featuring three speakers who will follow the theme of "Fill Me, Lord!"

They include Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church in Grenada; Miss Beverly Hammack, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Marty Bonarth, medical physician at MBMC.

They will address assemblies at 8:30 p.m. on each of the three "Emphasis" days in the auditorium of the medical center's Gilley Building, and they also

will visit student classes during the day.

The speakers will be guests of the medical center's executive director, Paul J. Pryor, at a noon luncheon on November 8, according to Miss Kathy Boarden, BSU director at Baptist Medical Center, who is in charge of arrangements for the observance.

Leading the singing at the evening assemblies will be Gene Foster, of the medical center's Cardiovascular Department, and the pianist will be Miss Carolyn Lottier, a senior in the Mississippi College School of Nursing.

Sermon and President's Address Are Primary Convention Features

by Dr. Jim Keith, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Laurel

In less than two weeks it will appear that all roads lead to Jackson as Baptists throughout Mississippi will assemble at the First Baptist Church for the 1976 gathering of the State Baptist Convention. Those privileged to be a part of the opening session on Tuesday morning, November 16, will participate in two of the convention's most meaningful experiences, the President's address and the annual convention sermon.

For two years the work of Mississippi Baptists has been enriched considerably by the service of our President, Dr. James Richardson, the pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland. State Baptists were willing to break former traditions in the selection of Dr. Richardson to this position in 1974, and since that time this unprecedented action has proven Providentially profitable.

James Richardson was elevated to his office as president from a properly balanced background of education and experience. A native of Vardaman, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College in 1948, the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1953 and the doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College in 1975. During his eighteen years as pastor of the Leland Church, he has served his denomination in many strategic capacities. He has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for six years; he was a member of the Home Mission Board from 1965 to 1971; he served as a Trustee of Mississippi College from 1972 to 1974; and, in 1974 he served one year as the First Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Also in 1974 he was selected as a member of the Foreign Mission Board, and his service in this area will continue until 1978.

The President's address of Tuesday morning will begin the last official week of service for Dr. Richardson as

leader of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Completing his tenure with the same respect, admiration, and gratitude that initially led Mississippi Baptists to set him apart for the task, the Convention will now have this final opportunity to hear his studied evaluation of our work and his prophetic expectations for our future.

The Convention sermon is one of the premier features of the annual gathering. This is the time when Mississippi Baptists have the opportunity to hear one of its own outstanding pastors preach. A review of those formerly

selected to preach the convention sermon reveals that God's choice men have been set apart for the task. This year's meeting continues that tradition.

Rev. William F. Evans has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Albany since 1961. More popularly known as "Pete", this native of Union was educated at Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has served on the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and is presently a member of the Board of trustees for the Baptist Children's Village.

Considering these two outstanding opening day opportunities, the President's address and the annual sermon, this year's convention promises to be one of the better of the best. That, however, is determined by neither the program nor the personalities, but by the many people from throughout the state who will set aside November 16 through 18 and come to Jackson to participate in the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The Order of Business Committee is depending upon all Mississippi Baptists to supply this necessary ingredient for the success of the convention.

Baptist Couple Plans Return Home To Foreign Missions In Caribbean

By Teresa Shields

RICHMOND (BP) — December 1977 may not seem like an exciting date to some people but to Lamber and Denise Mills, it is the time on which their sights are set. By that time they will be on their way home—to their Caribbean island.

After completing his master of divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary, Mills will become full-time pastor of Central Baptist Church on Antigua in the Leeward Islands of the West Indies.

Mrs. Mills will have completed the religious education diploma and will be assisting her husband in the church there.

"This is a perfect example of a missionary working himself out of a job," Mills commended. "Shelby A. Smith, the Southern Baptist missionary there, was my pastor when I accepted the call to the ministry."

"I was assistant pastor there for awhile. Then, I decided to come to the states to school. First I went to Oklahoma Baptist University and now I am at New Orleans. When I get back, I

will be pastor, and Shelby will move on to other mission-related responsibilities."

Central Baptist Church is the largest Baptist Church on Antigua. It has a membership of over 300, yet Sunday morning attendance might run as high as 800, according to Mills.

"This is just opposite from churches in the states. We had an average attendance of 770 at the first of this year. The auditorium will hold 800. When I was there it was filled every Sunday, but I just couldn't bring myself to believe there were 700 or 800 people in the audience."

Mills continued, "Everytime I hear from the church, something new has been added, new buildings or a primary school or something like that. Our church is really growing. From it, four other missions have been started. One is now a full-time church—Villa Baptist Church."

Central Baptist Church has a radio ministry where tapes from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, are played as public service broadcasts. A 30-minute television show on the island's only television station also gives the church members more opportunities to share Christ.

"All of the Radio-TV work is financially supported by the Foreign Mission Board," Mills explained. "But it is done through the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the local church. So, even like with the Baptist Hour, at the end of the program it will say, 'This has been brought to you by Baptists in your area.' I think that's real good because it lets people know who Baptists are. It's not just some people in the United States, but it's the people from the church over on the hill. It's something they can relate more to."

Although Mills became a Christian before he ever heard of Southern Baptists, he and a group of believers with the help of a missionary from another denomination organized a Baptist church.

"We called it Antioch Baptist Church," he related. "We didn't know much about Baptists, but some had heard of them. They knew Baptists met on Sunday mornings at 11:00, so



Student Apartments Begin To Rise

GOING UP! That's the word at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where construction is progressing on 70 new two-bedroom apartments for student families. With the largest fall enrollment in the seminary's history—more than 2,000 students—and with more than 70 per cent of the students married, the need for family seminary housing continues to grow. The project is scheduled for completion by January, 1977. (Copyright 1976, The Louisville Times. Reprinted with permission.)

Georgia Mae Ogburn's Award Originated By Wayward Student

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cano. Our hardest problem there was finding enough cover to keep warm," she recalls. "Now there's a church and a road all the way in."

She has always liked to keep close to people in her work especially by teaching study courses. "When you do administrative work, you feel you're not in touch with the people," she says. "I'd see so many women, despite their cultural background, finally find themselves and find an outlet for their talents and possibilities."

One young woman had confided that she had not done anything in mission service simply because she had been putting it off. She told Miss Ogburn she had decided to begin work with teens and children in her own neighborhood. The woman began teaching Bible studies to teens and started a class of children. The number of children grew to 25, and she bought wicker chairs to seat them. The number grew to 35, and her husband took crating and made benches and tables for them.

Parents became interested in having a Bible study for adults, and she and her husband cleaned out a storeroom out back of their house for the adults.

"She told me last year before I left that if the church didn't help them, they'd move in with their married daughter and give their home as a mission," says Miss Ogburn.

"When I went back for the Independence Day celebrations, the woman had 75 children once a week for Bible study, they had 39 adults on Thursday nights for worship services, and the week before we arrived, their church voted to take on the work as a mission of the church," Miss Ogburn reports.

The lady doesn't sound retired. Miss Ogburn is booked fairly solid through April of next year. She's speaking in WMU conferences and associational meetings. This month she's speaking all week in a North Carolina church

during a missions revival. And the first of next year she's returning to South America to help Baptists in Venezuela set up an organization of women's work, especially at the associational level.

But she expects the invitations to slow down. "Eventually a retired missionary doesn't have the calls to go

Governor's Conference On Child Protection

The Governor's Conference on Child Protection will be held at the Jackson Hilton, Nov. 8, 1976, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mississippi church leaders, especially ministers and church staff members, are invited, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, who is one of the endorsees of the conference.

Individuals from many disciplines are on the program which will deal with child abuse and neglect. The

keynote address will be "Society's Values and Priorities" by Jolly K. Parents Anonymous. Governor Cliff Finch will welcome the participants.

The conference is being sponsored by the Mississippi Council on Children and the State Department of Public Welfare and funded by the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities.

Christianity has been studied and practiced for ages, but it has been studied far more than it has been practiced.

Wrong Info 'Wines Up' In Broadman Press Book

NASHVILLE (BP) — A fermented fable was erroneously included in a recently discovered copy of "Payday Everyday," the autobiography of R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1949-51).

During a revival led by Lee in North Carolina, a woman bought a copy of the well known Southern Baptist's life story, but was surprised to find a detailed explanation of "Winemaking at Home" about midway through the book.

Without giving the recipe a try, the startled woman returned the book for a regular copy.

A Broadman Press spokesman said the problem was due to an error by the bookbinder, and to his knowledge, this was the only copy containing the "juicy" extra.

we started meeting then, too.

"I was saved when a man came to St. Kitts, where I grew up, and started holding Bible classes. I went because it was new and something different. This man had no formal Bible training, but he held these classes and scores of people came and were saved. Then we were baptized and formed a church. Later some missionaries started coming to teach the people there more."

Mills then moved to the neighboring island of Antigua where he became involved with Central Baptist Church. After two years of college in Oklahoma, Mills went back and was pastor of Central Church while the Smiths were on furlough. Earlier this year Mills went back for three months while the Smiths were on special furlough. He brought a wife back to the states with him. He and Denise were married in March 1976.

"Denise and I plan to go back home, God willing, to work in the Central Baptist Church when we finish seminary," Mills concluded. "The work there is very promising. We think it will be the focal point in Southern Baptist missions in the Eastern Caribbean."

Brazilian Baptists Send New Missionaries

LISBON, Portugal—The Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention is taking a major interest in the Azorian Islands, according to Norman L. Harrell, Southern Baptist missionary here.

The Brazilian board recently appointed a missionary couple and a single woman to the Azores, a Portuguese possession in the mid-Atlantic. The transfer of a Brazilian missionary from Portugal to the Azores brought the total number of Brazilian Baptist missionaries serving there to six.

Since the first Brazilian missionary couple arrived in the Azores in 1974, two churches and two missions have been organized. Cooperating with the Brazilians in this effort has been the English-language Baptist church in Lagos, an American naval base on Terceira Island.

Another Brazilian missionary couple has been transferred from Mozambique to Portugal, Harrell said. They will help to continue the pioneer work in Evora. The work in Evora is a project of the Portuguese Baptist Convention. A new church building has just been dedicated there.

Home Mission Board Names 23

ATLANTA (BP) — Twenty-three missionary personnel were appointed by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the board's October meeting here.

The total includes four missionaries, six missionary associates, one US-2 missionary, and 12 endorsed to receive pastoral aid as missionary pastors.

Names of missionaries were Carolyn Mobley of Atlanta, Ga.; Ollie and Thelma Yout of Niles, Mich.; and Becky Whorton of New Orleans, La.

Margarita and Emma Barbosa of Yonkum, Tex., and Charles and Viola Cross of St. Charles, Ill., were named missionary associates, and Young and Kuk Yoon of Los Angeles, Calif., were appointed missionary associates/students.

June Below of Gainesville, Fla., was appointed a US-2 missionary to serve with her husband, Ken, in language ministries among seamen in Charleston, S. C. Her husband was appointed to the two-year term in September. US-2 is a peace corps like program for young people interested in giving two years of their life to mission work.

Miss Mobley will be director of weekday ministries at the West End Baptist Center in Atlanta. Previously, she was director of weekday activities at Browns Mills P.C. in Atlanta. She is a graduate of Hahn-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., and of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

The Trouts will serve in Niles, where he will be director of missions for the Southeastern and Lake Baptist Associations. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of Beth Baptist Church in Niles. He is a graduate of Ouchitza



Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Conservative Protestant colleges have record numbers of new and returning students on their campuses this fall, exceeding projected enrollment statistics, the Christian College News Service reported here.

A number of the spokesmen for the conservative Christian colleges said they believe the "firm Christian commitment, personal attention and academic quality found in Christian liberal arts colleges makes them attractive to the prospective and returning student," according to Dale Hanson, director of the Christian College News Service.

Nashville — "Bold Discipleship," a new motion picture produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department and Broadman division, shows signs of becoming the most successful film ever distributed by Broadman Press. In the four months since its release, the rental rate for "Bold Discipleship" is already close to the number of rentals of popular Broadman films which have been available for 20 years, according to Murray Severance, Broadman audiovisual producer who produced the film. The 25-minute film portrays the theme of discipleship expressed in the everyday lives of an American family.

Richmond (BP) — Gifts for world relief and disaster response through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have topped the \$1 million mark in 1976. The \$1,384,838 received from January through September is \$33,967 more than the amount received in the same period during 1975. Total relief gifts last year reached a record \$1.67 million.

Our Church. . .

. . . And The Cooperative Program

By Don Stanfill, Pastor
Harmontown Baptist Church

"How's your church doing?" "Well, we are holding our own!" Have you ever heard that? Those words describe not only the dilemma of many churches, but also the diagnosis of the problem.

When a church turns its attention and affection inward and begins to isolate herself from the missionary mandate of our Lord which is . . . "Go ye unto all the world," at least three things will happen:

1. Her "holdings" will become Meager. Matt. 25:28, 29
2. Her "happiness" will be reduced to a Minimum. Luke 16:2-3
3. Her "health" will become Miserable. Luke 12:15

BUT, when a church begins to involve herself sacrificially in our missionary challenge, then at least three things will happen:

1. Her "holdings" will be Multiplied. Mal. 3:10, 2 Cor. 9:6, Prov. 3: 9-10
2. Her "happiness" will be Intensified. Matt. 25:21, Acts 20:35
3. Her "health" will be Revitalized. Luke 6:38

Our testimony at Harmontown Baptist Church is that we are "Getting because of Giving." Getting is not our motive, but it has proven to be the result of our giving. In 1971 our church

Chicago (EP) — The board of administration of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) has called upon evangelical leaders to "resist attempts to divide evangelical Christians along political lines or issues," in action taken at its annual fall meeting here.

Anaheim, Calif. (RNS) — The General Board of the United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI) has issued a "position paper for holiness" condemning homosexual conduct, drinking alcohol, abortion, make-up, unisex clothing, and most jewelry. In a section on "holiness and modesty," the paper says it is "very plain in the Word of God that there is to be a distinction between the dress of a woman and a man."

Washington, D. C. (EP) — The U. S. Agriculture Dept. will no longer require employees to list their religion on passport forms. The stipulation was in effect to identify Jewish employees who otherwise might have been in line for assignment in Arab nations.

Budapest (EP) — The Council of the European Baptist Federation (EBF) has designated 1977 the "Year of the Bible." The various European Baptist bodies which belong to the federation were urged by the council, at its six-day annual meeting here, to emphasize personal and church group Bible reading plans, Bible study, and evangelism efforts. The approved Bible-year emphasis came following statistics released earlier this year showing a drop in European Baptist membership.

was just "holding its own." That year we gave only \$758 to all mission causes. I challenged the church to make a commitment to prove the promise of God concerning stewardship. . . . Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over. . . . Does it work? "YES!" This year our rural church with only 155 resident members gave over \$15,500 dollars to missions. This figure represents 32 per cent of our budget. Our people were so amazed and filled with joy that they approved a budget for next year that will reflect 37 per cent going to missions, our goal being \$16,600. You can see by these figures that we are not holding our own. . . . we are investing. . . realizing that this is "Bread" that will not return unto us void."

God not only financially "gave" to us, He blessed us with 47 additions, of which 21 were baptisms. (4 more professions of faith in the first 4 weeks of October).

Harmontown Baptist Church—Believing the Word, Burdened for Souls, and Thankful to God that we can join hands with other churches to do through the Cooperative Program a missionary work that would otherwise be impossible for us individually.

"How's your church doing?" Harmontown Baptist Church is in Lafayette Association.

Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex. The Cresces will serve in the Fox Valley Baptist Association in St. Charles, Ill., where he will be church extension director. He is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.; Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The Yoons will serve in San Francisco, where he will be pastor of a Korean congregation. He is a graduate of Korea Baptist Seminary, and will attend Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Prayer Lift For Pastors

WASHINGTON

Nov. 7
Billy Johnson, Parkview
Troy Pearson, Riverport
Roy Raddin, Second, Greenville
Tom Esby, Southside
John Stone, Swiftwater

WAYNE

Nov. 8
Frank McClelland, Big Creek
Roy Garrison, Buckatanna
Robert Sanderson, Calvary
Jimmy Talley, Chicago, First
Joe Fisher, Clara

Nov. 9
Joe Williams, County Line
Wesley Slay, Escutia
Bill Adams, Evergreen
J. W. Williams, Mt. Zion
Mac Parker, Pleasant Grove
Nov. 10
Robert Cooper, State Line

Gale Anderson, Strengthford
Edward McKeithen, Trinity
I. O. Anderson, Water Oak
Brooks Barkley, Waynesboro, First
Nov. 11

WEBSTER

James Justice, Calvary
Jeff Gilder, Clarkson
Harold Bennett, Cross Roads
Wayne Sanders, Cumberland
Nov. 12
David Hamilton, Double Springs
George Heath, Edgeworth
William Stewart, Eupora, First
Robert Sugg, Fellowship
Bill Little, Harmony
Nov. 13
Hugh Bland, Hebron
Carl Morris, Hohenlinden
Dennis Johnsey, Mantee
Marvin Bibb, Mathiston, First

Pastor Takes Missions Journey

by David R. Grant, Pastor
Broadmoor Baptist Church
Jackson, Mississippi

Editor's Note:

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, recently completed an around-the-world trip for the purpose of missions awareness. Over the next several weeks a series of articles by Dr. Grant will discuss his trip.

For many years I have had a burning desire to know more about our Lord's work on foreign soil. Over the years it has been my privilege to participate in a number of crusades in the pioneer mission areas. Because of this, Broadmoor Baptist Church has been an enthusiastic supporter of our missions work.

Several years ago our church started providing a home for missionaries on furlough. This enabled the church membership and me to get to know several missionaries and their families in a personal way. Then, as they returned to their respective fields of work, I began to realize I had personal friends in mission work in many

countries of the world.

The burning desire to visit them and see missions in various places intensified, and I could not get away from the thought. Of course, it takes money to do such a thing, and this was my constant holdback. Through a series of events, two people in our church approached me in regard to a special gift for the church. I shared with them my desire, and this resulted in two gifts being given for the cause. One was for \$1,000 and one for \$1,500. With that much on hand, I started making plans to make a trip and pay the remainder myself. Then the questions as to where I would go and who would go with me began to be a concern. I worked closely with Bryan Tours in Jackson to determine the answer to the first question. I had been advised not to make an extensive overseas trip alone. It was then I approached a few friends to go with me, but personal reasons hindered them.

My son, David, Jr., had completed his freshman year at Mississippi College and was working at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly between his freshman and sophomore years. My

wife and I visited with him on the Fourth of July weekend in 1975. In conversation with him about the trip, it was decided he would go with me. The plans were he would pay his own way. With my traveling partner determined, he then helped to decide where we would go. In fact, at that point he pretty well took over the work with the travel agent. I began contacting missionaries in various parts of the world and at the same time working with Dr. Eugene Grubbs of the Foreign Mission Board.

After weeks of planning, writing, pricing, and praying, the itinerary was made.

We flew directly to West Africa and spent some time in the Ivory Coast and Nigeria. Then we went into East Africa and visited two countries—Kenya and Tanzania. From there, we went to India and on to Bangladesh and Thailand. We left Thailand and went to Singapore and Indonesia. Then we went on to the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, and back home. We went east all the way.

My major objective in such a trip

was to learn more about mission work, how various conventions in foreign lands relate to our Foreign Mission Board, how foreign missionaries fare in a strange culture, and what we can do to help. Therefore, I resolved to pose a stock question to each missionary that I had the chance to do so. I am told we have some 2,800 missionaries overseas. We at least saw and talked at length or briefly to approximately 150 of them. Some had served for many years and some were rookies. But my question was asked each one: What can a local church do for missions and missionaries over and above or beyond the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and prayer?

Without fail, the same answer came to us from old and young. It was twofold. Do more to educate the people in the churches about missions, and keep in personal touch with us. I thought these were simple and easy requests, but I wonder now if they are.

Next I shall discuss our convention and our program as it relates to missions.



RECOGNIZED BY COLLEGE—Two outstanding denominational leaders who have excelled in their areas of service were honored by Mississippi College College on Saturday with the "Order of the Golden Arrow" awards. Kerry Grantham (left), newly installed president of the national Alumni Association, presents plaques to Dr. Howard E. Spell (center) of Clinton and Dr. Joe Odle of Jackson. Dr. Spell was a longtime dean and professor at Mississippi College, while Dr. Odle recently retired after many years as editor of the BAPTIST RECORD. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

MC Alumni Reunite For Annual Festivities

CLINTON — From north, south, east, and west, Mississippi College alumni returned to the campus Saturday for Homecoming 1976 and when the day had ended they had elected new leaders, handed out special recognition to others, and enjoyed a fun-filled day with old friends and students.

Hundreds of alumni were on hand to witness a morning parade, attend a Board of Directors meeting, browse through an Arts and Crafts Exhibit, attend reunion luncheons, witness a talent show, and enjoyed fellowship at the annual buffet dinner.

Sponsored by the college's Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Student Body Association, Homecoming this year took on a new look as program and activity formats were changed under the leadership of Bernard Blackwell, conducting his first Homecoming since becoming director of alumni affairs.

Kerry Grantham of Jackson, newly-elected president of the Association after serving a year as president-elect, presided over the group's business session in the absence of President James Vickery of Greenville. Vickery had prior business commitments. Reports were heard from Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; Dr. Ralph Atkinson,

vice-president for institutional advancement; Blackwell, plus alumni viewed the film "Service to God and Mankind."

Elected at the business session to serve as officers of the Association along with Grantham were George Dale, Clinton, president-elect; Mrs. Joyce Culotta, McComb, vice-president; and Harry Upton, Clinton, vice-president.

Noon reunion lunches were held by the classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, and the Hillman College graduates. Other luncheons or receptions were hosted by Laguna, Nenamoosha, Swannanoa and Kissimmee Social Tribe, SBA Association Alumni, Home Economics, School of Nursing, Math Club and Library Associates.

Prior to the Homecoming football game between the Choctaws and Harding (Ark.) College, the Association recognized W. W. Gresham of Indianapolis as "Alumnus of the Year" for 1976, and presented the "Order of the Golden Arrow" award to Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson, and Dr. Howard E. Spell, Clinton.

Halftime ceremonies of the football game capped off the day as Diane Crowson of Houston, Texas, was crowned Homecoming Queen by Dr. Nobles.

Brothers Were Toddlers When They First Sang About Jesus



Randy, Rodney, and Ricky Stone

By Tim Nicholas

The Stone Brothers don't sing rock music and they don't have gravel voices.

But Ricky, Randy, and Rodney Stone do sing sacred music. And they've been doing it together since they were ages 3, 4, and 5.

"Don't call it gospel," admonishes Randy, 21, the middle brother. "Gospel today is thought of as country music and we try for a Letterman-like blend rather than a twang."

In Laurel to lead the music and perform for the Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention, the brothers told of their musical history.

As children they used to sing with their father and mother as the Stone Family. Father was known as the boulder, mother was precious stone and the boys, now with several albums out, were the pebbles.

Now their father, R. O. Stone, is minister of music and mother, Angie is pianist for Mobile, Ala.'s Dauphin Way Baptist Church.

The Stone Brothers are all students at Samford University in Birmingham. But only Ricky is a music major. Rodney, the youngest, is a business major and Randy is in physical education.

"We're just preparing ourselves in case we don't stay together," they say. Ricky, who feels that, "God has called me into ministry through music," will graduate and begin at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary next September. This may prove difficult for the brothers who stay busy filling engagements on weekends, attending classes all week.

"School for us is like an extra-curricular activity," says Ricky. They filled 53 singing engagements during the last school year. Plus they travel all summer. They've performed for the Florida and Alabama Baptist Conventions and at the SBC meeting in Miami.

Each brother was offered college scholarships to different schools. Ricky is baseball, Rodney is track, and Randy in baseball and football. But they decided to go to Samford to be together and continue singing.

Ricky says he's never felt led to do

History Of Holt Church Completed

Brew of the Hill Above the Warrior, history of Holt Baptist Church, Holt, Alabama, written by Mrs. Nancy Dean Blackman, is now off the press and ready for distribution.

If you wish to purchase a copy, call or write to Holt Baptist Church, 3101 Ala. Avenue, Holt, Alabama 35401. The book is \$10 per copy.

Mrs. Jean Gullette Retires After 18 Years With Convention Board

By Anne McWilliams

Jean Gullette retired October 29, after working 18½ years and 14 days for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mrs. Gullette had been office secretary six and one-half years for the Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of the Evangelism Department. Before that she was secretary for Dr. W. P. Davis, in Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, for twelve years. She began work at the Baptist Building April 15, 1958.

The Department of Evangelism held a reception in her honor on Friday October 29, at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Building employees presented to her a George Washington bedspread.

The women in the Building gave a luncheon with Jean as guest of honor on Thursday, October 28. She was crowned "Queen for the Day" and each guest gave her a small "fun gift."

"I want to live without a schedule for

a while," she says, "so I have made few definite plans for the immediate future. The first thing I want to do is get my house in shape! Then I plan to go to Gail's for Thanksgiving and to Jean's for Christmas."

Her daughters, Gail and Jean, live on opposite sides of the country. Gail is Mrs. Mitchell McAlpin of San Francisco; and Jean is Mrs. Oscar Beck of Lynchburg, Virginia. Mrs. Beck has four children, Berkeley, Brent, Brannan, and Bethany.

"The main thing I want to do in retirement days is spoil my grandchildren," Jean admitted. She will continue to live at 1012 Wynwood Drive, in west Jackson, at least for the present.

"My weakness is horse shows," she continued. "I love horses. I owned horses when I was growing up and used to ride a good deal. I've thought of buying one now, but guess I won't." She hopes to travel more now, to see many more horse shows than she has

seen while working. "I like to sew and crochet, and I read a lot."

She was born at Utica, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McGuire, one of three daughters. One sister still living — Mrs. Eddie Blake of Hattiesburg.

Her husband, Forrest Gullette, who was an employee of Trailways Bus Company, died three and one-half years ago. Jean said that he first met him in Jackson, and the were married in Jackson at Calvary Baptist Church, the ceremony performed by Dr. King, pastor at that time. "Many people think that we met at Hinds Junior College because we both studied there, but that was not the case," she said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gullette were active in the work of the church. She is now a member of Parkway, Jackson. (She was baptized at Utica when she was 15.) "I worked 6 years with Intermediates in Sunday School, until the beginning of my mother's long illness," she said. Her mother died just a few weeks ago. "I feel that I can get back into work with Intermediates again now."

Jean reflected, "I have mixed emotions about retiring. I have enjoyed my work. I'm ready for a rest, but I will miss the people at the Baptist Building. It is the nicest place to work, in the whole world. The people are really good people — my own family. When I have happiness or sorrow, I don't know who would have done without their help."

And the people at the Baptist Building would all agree, I believe, that Jean is one of the nicest people in the world — warm, friendly, kind, tactful, vivacious. She is a person that has made her one of the most popular employees.

Annual Brotherhood Banquet

Fellowship Hall — 5:30 p.m.

Tickets—\$2.60 per person

No tickets to be sold at door.

Guest entertainer



John Bewley and "Willie"
Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson

State Baptist Men's Conference

Sanctuary—7:30 p.m.

Guest speakers



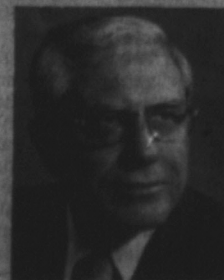
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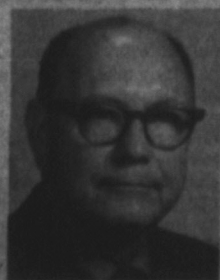
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Jay Chance, Royal Ambassadors



David Grant
Host Pastor



Elmer Howell
State Brotherhood Director



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Marvin Graham
State Baptist Men's President

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If you are planning a change of address, please notify The Baptist Record of your old and your new address. It would help if you could supply all of the information that is to be found on the address label on your paper. An easy way to do this would be to affix the address label to the space below and send it to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39206.

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Editorials

Eternal Vigilance

On the ballot this week in Colorado was an amendment which would have allowed a lottery in the state. At this writing there is no indication as to the outcome.

The same issue was before the Colorado voters in 1972, and it was defeated. Four years later, there it was again.

They don't ever give up, these folks who advocate gambling, liquor sales, and other such ways of preying on human weaknesses. A saying heard in childhood was, "A winner never

quits; a quitter never wins." They believe this and practice it faithfully.

Remember how time after time the voters of Rankin County turned down liquor sales in that county? Remember that the Legislature not many years ago rejected the sale of liquor in the Jackson Airport, which is located in Rankin County?

But the last legislative session saw all of this swept aside in the Legislature over the protests of the Rankin County representatives, and now liquor is sold there. Persistency paid off.

Just a few days ago a radio news account mentioned that national business interests are looking with favor toward Mississippi's Gulf Coast for installation sites, particularly if gambling is legalized there, presumably to attract more customers.

This issue will require vigilance.

The idea has been planted, and the advocates will be persistent. Gambling is a social and moral parasite, however; and it behooves those who would fight against it to be ever vigilant and even more persistent.

Guest Editorial

Owen Cooper And Witnessing

By Jack P. Lowndes,
In The New York Baptist

Owen Cooper is a businessman from Mississippi who makes valuable contributions to the ministry of our Lord through the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a recent article in the magazine, *New Times*, a liberal news magazine, a reporter encountered Owen Cooper. Robert Sam Anson, in a special article, "Looking For Jimmy," on Jimmy Carter, visited Owen Cooper in Yazoo City, Mississippi. This man, Owen Cooper, bore his witness in the most effective way to this reporter. Said Anson, "If you are wondering what religion has to do with a successful businessman like Owen Cooper, the answer is everything. For religion, far more than business, is Owen Cooper's life. He is one of those born-again Christians; in his case, being born again changed

everything."

The reporter recounts how Cooper took the Bible and shared with him the meaning of the Christian experience. Quoting from John, Chapter 3, where Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven," Cooper, in explaining this said, "Being born again is making a conscious choice to accept the Lord as your Savior. We think — the Bible tells us — that when a person reaches the age of accountability he can have a personal experience with God through Christ. That's what happened to me in Vicksburg. I had that experience and my life has been different ever since."

Anson concludes this section by saying about Owen Cooper, "If his life were an example, I didn't have to worry about born-again Christians or Southerners. I might even begin to like them. Owen Cooper, in fact, was hard not to like. He possessed that

appealing serenity of knowing just what he believed, that it was right and that the Lord was on his side."

Admittedly a skeptic as he visited the South to try to understand Jimmy Carter, Anson says this concerning his parting with Owen Cooper. "I hope," he said, taking my hand, as I prepared to leave, "that one day you'll have that personal religious experience. I hope so, too," I replied. And it gave me a chill, knowing I meant it."

Owen Cooper is the example of the kind of witness we need by the people in the churches of Baptist Convention of New York.

Let us pray that this reporter will know the kind of life that Owen Cooper invited him to accept in Christ and let us dedicate ourselves to being effective witnesses knowing what we believe — knowing the Lord is on our side — and sharing that experience with others.

Letters To The Editor

Testimonies For Business Men's Fellowship

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Southern Baptist pastor, Brother Howard Conatser, I can only say I wish you had been there. Sure we were at Holiday Inn, but God was present. We filled three rooms, all with praise and prayer.

As for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship sponsoring it, would you have done so? There are so many people that have not accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour in all churches.

Southern Baptists, along with others are receiving the gift of speaking in tongues. You may call it the baptism of the Holy Spirit if you desire. This I do know, it brings you more love and joy, fellowship complete.

I am Baptist. Yet I take the Bible for my guide. In our church we have five or more that God has blessed with this gift. We might not fit as a Baptist according to your plan. Yet God accepts us. We are His children, doing His will.

Why did he not speak in a local Baptist church? The churches are scared to death of the Holy Spirit. It is only as we let go and let God that our churches can reach the goals that his church has. So why be upset?

Any one that hasn't surrendered his all to God, to an extent, has missed the boat. You have missed the joy of private worship that I do not have words to explain. Oh, that America would turn to God. Oh, that you stone throwers would work together for God.

May God bless you with His Holy Spirit.
Mrs. W. J. Howard
Crystal Springs, MS

Dear Sir:

I read your editorial in the Baptist Record entitled "The Boat Hasn't Left Yet" and found it quite interesting. I am very sorry that you did not go hear the man speak.

My husband is a member of a local chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, and I can truthfully say the organization is a blessing to our entire family. The meetings we have attended in Jackson, Greenville, Memphis, etc. have been meetings where the name of Jesus is exalted and praised. The needs of the people are met, because the Holy Spirit is present and is recognized as the One having charge of the meeting.

I, too, am a Southern Baptist, but foremost I am a Christian, a child of the King, and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. God doesn't recognize us as Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, etc., but He sees our hearts and knows if we have accepted His Son Jesus as our Saviour.

Many times I have read critical articles about the Charismatic Movement. Beware, my friends, you are not being critical of a movement of the world, but of a move of God.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is so sweet and Jesus is glorified and magnified at the Full Gospel Business Men's meetings. Come and share in some of the meetings before passing judgment on them.

We love you whether you agree or not.
Mrs. Virginia C. King
Shaw, MS

Enjoys "Scrapbook"

Dear Sir:

I have enjoyed the quotations from "Scrapbook." However, I much prefer Kipling's "If" to Iva Belle Pittman's "Then You Are a Man," which, to me, seems an attempt to paraphrase "If."

I found Bill Duncan's comments helpful in my study of the Sunday School lessons.

Kipling, like the Prophets, was very unpopular during his life time because he, like them, spoke the truth to them. (Recessional), the people, who wanted to hear only pleasant things.

Lillian Pace Wigransky
Lake, MS.

Baptist Hour Listings

Dear Sir:

May I offer a suggestion? "Please place in each week's edition of the Baptist Record — The television and AM and FM radio stations and times for the 'Baptist Hour'."

I am sure there are many like myself never hear the Baptist Hour because they do not know where and time to find it. I'm very fond of Dr. Pollard and would like to hear him on Baptist Hour coming up soon. Would not be bad idea if posted in daily newspapers also.

Rufus Rogers
Mt. Olive, MS

The radio and television stations in Mississippi have through the years carried a great amount of programming produced by our Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. There are several programs involved, and it makes quite a list. About once each month we try to carry the entire report. It looks much like an ad, and it might be easily mistaken for one; but it is a listing of Southern Baptist radio and TV shows in the state, including the Baptist Hour. You might get it at WFOR, Hattiesburg, 1400 kilocycles, on Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

Numbers & Statistics

Dear Sir:

I support your editorial in the October 21 Baptist Record which takes offense against certain full gospel believers accusing Baptists in a newspaper advertisement of not having received the full blessings of the Holy Spirit. I concur with you that we received "it all at salvation" — that there does not need to be a second blessing. However, you proclaimed the Baptist "party line" of big numbers, big money, and big budgets apparently in an attempt to show that "look what the Holy Spirit has done for us." Since when have big numbers and big money been evidence of the Holy Spirit's leadership? Certainly not in the New Testament where it should be clear that Chris-

tianity will not be popular, that it will not attract many converts, not much support.

You see, this whole emphasis on numbers and statistical gimmickry which is sweeping the Baptist church with its Action Plan, High Attendance Days, Peak the Pew Days, etc., is not the Holy Spirit — at least, not the Holy Spirit of the Bible. It is commercialized, high-pressure, hard-sell version of Christianity which is just as wrong as the highly-charged emotionalism of those who seek spiritual highs in the charismatic and full-gospel ministries.

I submit in all sincerity that the Holy Spirit of the Bible may not always want big numbers and big budgets. There may be only a small and narrow gate to true salvation and only a few that will find it. Could we not hear that voice in the Baptist faith? Isn't it possible that this might be the real thing?

C. H. Heiden
Jackson, MS.

The presentation of the statistics was an effort to be fair and show what has been the experience of that church during the past four years. And I hope that our ACTION plans and our High Attendance days are intended to be ways of reaching more people that we might minister to them, and nothing more.

THEN GOD CREATED GRANDPARENTS AND IT WAS VERY GOOD by Charles W. Shedd (Doubleday, \$6.95, 140 pp.). Charlie Shedd gives enthusiastic advice to grandparents — how to be good ones, and how to have a good time while you're at it. He has wished his own wife playing grandmother and has listened to people who come to his church and his counseling sessions. In this book Dr. Shedd shares what he has learned, along with many lovely photographs and entertaining anecdotes.

BE OPENED: by William R. Yet (Broadman, \$7.95, 225 pp.). One of the most rapidly growing ministries among evangelist churches has been that relating to the deaf. But this is the first textbook and guide signed for the "minister to the deaf," both volunteer and full-time worker. Originally written to meet classroom needs for a course taught by the author at Southwestern Seminary, it was first titled *Ephphatha!* — Jesus' command in Mark 7:34 when healing the man who was deaf and mute. Some subjects it discusses are the physical aspects of deafness, sign language history and use; psychology, sociology and education of deaf people; deaf ministry administration; and the teaching and training of deaf people.

REMARKABLE WOMEN OF THE SCRIPTURES by David Schepps (Dorrance and Company, \$6.95, 210 pp.). The women of the Old Testament are discussed here, from the



Weak? Then You're Eligible

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Mama is a magician — or should have been. Inflation has revealed her talent for stretching a dollar bill.

If Daddy hadn't come along and made her Mrs. Emmett Washburn she'd probably have an office on Wall Street by now. I can just see the name plate on her desk: Johnnie Lou Allen, Financier.

A widow like the one who fed Elijah, she can eat "many days" from a "barrel of meal" and a "cruse of oil." I'd say she spends less than \$10 a week for groceries. She is thrifty, partly because of her low income, and partly because of her fervent dislike of waste.

It is important for everyone, no matter how well-off they may be, not to waste food. If some of you senior citizens are having trouble balancing your food budget, maybe you'd like to adopt some of Mama's ideas. (I wouldn't be surprised if other kinds of citizens are having similar trouble. You're welcome to read this, too.)

Every year Mama plants a garden. In the summer, like the ant, she gets ready for the winter. She cans; she fills her freezer. She makes strawberry preserves, fig preserves, pear relish. Not an apple goes to waste. Once not in the jelly will be sliced and dried in the sun, for custards later.

When she goes grocery shopping she takes only the amount of cash she plans to spend, charges nothing, and seldom writes a check. She keeps a careful list of items needed, so that she can get them in her once-a-week trip to the supermarket, and not have to make in-between trips to the higher priced quick service stores. She never gives in to impulse buying, no matter how tempting the displays. She watches for specials in The Lafayette Sun, saves coupons, shops in at least two of the larger stores to take advantage of specials. As she fills her cart, she keeps a written tally, so she won't go over the quota she has in mind.

Living alone, she feels she saves more by buying small sizes. But she won't pass up a real bargain in a larger size if it is something imperishable. She checks the date on the carton to see if the milk is fresh. If it isn't she won't buy it, for it might spoil before she could drink it all.

She uses even the tiniest left-overs. Bones can be boiled to make broth; vegetable tidbits add variety to tangy tomato soup; left-over bread crumbs end up in the dressing.

She knows how much she will eat, and cuts recipes to size. She freezes vegetables or fruits in one-person portions. When she buys a chicken she often divides it into three or four

packages — for dumplings, salad, casserole (unless she wants to save a whole one for Sunday's company dinner).

Usually it costs more to buy individual ground beef patties, so she makes her own.

She bakes bread only two or three times a week, to save electricity and work. Then the following days she butters the cornbread and warms it in the oven, or toasts the left-over biscuits. Or she may make a batch of dough, cook one or two biscuits and freeze the others, separated by waxed paper.

She stores meat in the refrigerator, so that it will retain its freshness; she keeps some margarine at room temperature so that it can be spread thinner; she trims fat off the pork chops and cooks it in the turnip greens; she often uses powdered milk rather than whole milk, in cooking; she buys ice milk rather than ice cream. To avoid wasting orange juice she does not mix a whole canful of concentrate for herself. Rather, she dips a teaspoonful or two from the can each morning to blend with water.

Even traces of food left in the pots she does not waste. She rinses the pots and pans with a little water, and pours the resulting broth over old bread crumbs and a little powdered milk. The cats love it!

Rather than buying expensive cakes and pies, she makes her own desserts, once or twice a week, usually an apple pie, strawberry cobbler, egg custard, or chocolate-iced testakes. (She used to make sugar puffs for Betty's and my school lunch boxes. We could hardly wait for recess time to eat them. The pastry was filled with butter and sugar, folded over once, and baked to a delectable brown.)

Depression days of the thirties, I suppose, helped Mama learn to save. She and Daddy raised all their food then — from pork to peanuts. Sugar cane yielded syrup, and corn was ground at the mill. We made popcorn balls and syrup candy. Remember? Only tea, coffee, and sugar came from the store. Once when Uncle Walter was visiting us, a great tragedy occurred. He walked to the store for a sack of sugar. Crawling under the barbed wire fence on the way home, he tore the sack and spilled part of his precious burden. In his grief, he scooped it up, dirt and all, and brought it home.

At berry picking time we put on long sleeves to protect us from briars and big straw hats to protect us from the sun, and picked blackberries in the pasture at the edge of the woods. Next day we ate the juicy berries and scratched the redbug bites.

Now the challenge of shopping on a tiny budget is enormous. Yet Mama eats well. You should have tasted her chicken and dressing and potato pie last Sunday!

It is not necessary to have an extravagant food budget in order to have eye appeal as well as taste appeal. Mama prefers a menu with a beautiful color scheme, and she feels that the beauty of the dish itself should complement the contents of the dish — as golden peaches in a green bowl. And she likes to share her love for people by sharing her food.

As children of God who will some day stand before Him to give an account of the way we used the gifts He gave us, Mama can report that she has been a good steward of her resources.

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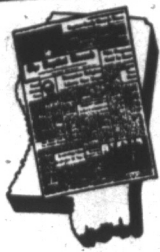
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Just For The Record

Homecoming at Chunky Church will be November 7. The guest speaker for the morning worship hour will be the Rev. Carlton Jones, a former pastor. Dinner will be served in the new Family Life Building. The afternoon program will include singing by The Ridgways, The Gospellers, The Young Christians, and others. Church Training and evening worship will begin at 6. The Rev. Curtis L. Guess is pastor.

Delay Church, Lafayette County has called the Rev. Roy C. Wilson as pastor. Rev. Wilson goes to Delay from Liberty Church, Somerville, Tn. He previously served two churches in north Mississippi. He is married to the former Nell Hollowell. They have three children, Carla, Paul, and Maria.

Tinsley Church recently adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the life of Leo A. Crain. Mr. Crain, a deacon at Tinsley, died a year ago, on November 4, following a heart attack. He had served the church as Sunday School director, Church Training director, teacher, church treasurer, and "by his living example." He is sur-

vived by his wife, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Straight Bayou Church, Sharkey-Issaquena Association, has announced that Sunday, November 7, will be time for the annual Harvest Day and homecoming. The Rev. Len Turner of Jackson will bring the morning message at 11. Tommy Kelly and Bobby Whittington, students at Delta Junior College, Moorhead, will present special music. Dinner will be served at the church. The afternoon service will be given to special music, according to the pastor, the Rev. Harold Jones.

Central Church, Brookhaven: each Sunday Night in November in correlation with the theme "Church — The Sunday Night Place"; lay persons to share their Christian testimony; November 7, Don Ainsworth, "How God calls the Layman"; November 14, Mary Foster, "My Conversion Experience"; November 21, Wayne Cole, "God's Blessings in Daily Life"; November 28, Bessie McLain, "The Joy of Being a Christian"; special features to be used to call the congregation to worship; Mike Grim, minister of music and youth; H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, on October 10 adopted a resolution honoring Henry J. Stanley, in appreciation of the 43 years of service he has given as director of the church's Sunday School and as deacon. He retired this year as Sunday School director.

When Mr. Stanley became a member of Macedonia Church in 1930, he and his wife, Kate, immediately began taking an active part in all the activities there. He has served as a member of the executive committee of the Lincoln County Baptist Association for many years and as director of the Brotherhood.

Through the resolution, Macedonia members expressed appreciation to Mr. Stanley for his "services and dedication, not only to his church, but to the Lincoln County Baptist Association, the Southern Baptist denomination, and to His Lord." They commended his "clean, moral life, his character, his Christian citizenship, as being worthy examples for others to follow."

The Rev. Don Nerren is pastor of the Macedonia Church. Julius Vaughn is chairman of deacons.



First, Carriere, Dedicates Activities Building

"The recent dedication service of the activities building of First Church, Carriere was the scene of happiness and thankfulness to God," states the

pastor, the Rev. Wm. Gary Smith. The building is a large one with over 11,900 square feet of floor space and by using folding chairs will accommodate 2,000

persons. It has a large door so buses and cars can pull in to permit persons to come to the services in bad weather. The building is on ground level and has no steps at either entrance, to aid wheel chair patients to come to the services.

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New Film Features Corrie Ten Boom

"Corrie: Behind the Scenes With the Hiding Place," will be shown at Calvary Church, Warrior's Trail, Vicksburg, on Sunday, November 7.

"The Hiding Place," a true story filmed in Holland and other European locations, is based on the experiences of Corrie ten Boom, who, with her father, sister, and brother, provided refuge for countless Jewish families. A secret room was constructed in their home as a hiding place for use during Gestapo raids.

According to Kenneth Bliss, director of distribution for World Wide pictures, "The Hiding Place" has been extremely well-received, both by audiences and film critics.

Bliss added that the film "offers a great lesson in the perseverance of a personal faith in a very dark and trying period of world history. Corrie ten Boom, now in her eighties, has a tremendous vitality, a deep spiritual commitment, and a profound love for her fellow man."

Bliss noted that the film includes "interesting sidelights on the experiences of the cast and crew during the filming of 'The Hiding Place'."

The Rev. Charles J. Funderbunk, pastor of Calvary Church, stresses that the showing of "Corrie" is open to the public free of charge.

Fired For Politics, Not Culinary Skill, Says American Nazi

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — The 26-year-old chaplain of the Nationalist Socialist White People's (Nazi) Party in Minneapolis has filed a discrimination complaint against a Bloomington motel, charging he was fired because of his political beliefs.

The Rev. Charles A. Powell, whose listed address is a St. Paul postal box number, alleges that the management fired him because of his race (white) and religious beliefs as a member of the Nazi Party, then hired a Mexican-American cook to replace him.

"I have the right to work regardless of my beliefs," Mr. Powell said. "The fact that I'm anti-Semitic shouldn't affect my job."

Keith Schoenick, the motel's food and beverage director, denied that Mr. Powell was fired because he was a Nazi. He said it was because Mr. Powell couldn't broil a good steak.

Stagg Will Speak To Southern Alumni

Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak to seminary alumni from Mississippi at their annual meeting in Jackson November 17.

The group will meet at noon for a luncheon at the Sky Room in the Baptist Building. The meeting is being held during the annual session of the Mississippi state convention.

Odean Puckett of Natchez is president of Southern Seminary's Mississippi alumni association.

Bryson To Speak At N. O. Alumni Luncheon

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, associate professor in preaching, New Orleans Seminary, will be the guest speaker at the Mississippi Alumni Reunion on Wednesday, November 17, 12:15 p.m., at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Before taking the position at the seminary, Dr. Bryson was pastor of the Eastdale Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Prior to that he was pastor of Carthage, First Church.

He has served on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and as President of that Board. He has also served as second vice-president of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the bookstore exhibit area.

What's Sunday Like In Flat Rock? Ask Mr. Hawkins

FLAT ROCK, Ill. (BP) — Norton Hawkins, 67, a lifelong resident of this southeastern Illinois community, may hold a record among the Baptists of Illinois.

He might claim a national record. And who knows, maybe even a Guinness world record!

Here's his claim: "I've attended church every Sunday of my life, and all of those Sundays were spent right here in Flat Rock."

Hawkins, who is a member of the First Baptist Church here, was born on March 1, 1908. "It was on a Tuesday," he says, "and the very next Sunday, my mother took me to the Methodist services here in Flat Rock, and since then I've never missed a Sunday attending some church."

When told that figures up to over 3,500 successive Sundays, Hawkins replied, "Well, I never bothered to count them, but I knew it was a long time!"

One day while hitchhiking, he was struck by a car, and the accident sent him to the hospital with a broken leg. "I got hit either on a Friday or a Saturday," he recalls, "and on Sunday, the church sent a car for me and I hobbled into services on crutches. By the next Sunday, I was discharged."

Hawkins attended the Methodist church until August of 1935, when he

changed to the Baptist church here. "I've been the bell-ringer at the Baptist church since 1939," he recalls, "and rang the Methodist bell for 15 years before that." He has also served as general secretary for the congregation's Sunday evening church training program for about 30 years.

When asked where he attended church on vacations, he answered, "Vacations? Why I've never had one in my life — wouldn't know one if I saw it. All my church-going has been right here in Flat Rock."

His pastor, Lyndie Taylor, in commenting on the feat, said, "Of course we don't have the record to prove his claims, but Mr. Hawkins keeps very meticulous files about his life, and we have no reason to doubt his word."

This summer, he chalked up another record. He attended, for the 38th consecutive year, the annual meeting of Palestine Baptist Association at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church near West York, Ill.

Hawkins is very civic-minded and history-conscious. On July 4 of this summer, he dressed up in an Uncle Sam suit with top hat and striped pants. "My great grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War, my grandfather in the Civil War, and my father in the Spanish-American War," he tells with pride.

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Action

Bethel Church, an open country church near Water Valley, experienced a 90% enrollment gain through the ACTION Enrollment Plan.

The Sunday School enrollment prior to enrollment week was 142. During the next three weeks 128 were enrolled with an average attendance of 117, compared to an average attendance of 82 the previous month. Most of the new enrollees were Adults.

Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor, evaluates the ACTION Enrollment Plan: "The change in the people has made it worth it all!"



I was sitting up on top of the house the other morning, and the view was lovely.

The reason I was sitting up on top of the house was a perfectly sane one. James and I were about to finish up another traumatic experience through which our marriage has passed, still intact: THE two of us installed a Ben Franklin fireplace in our den. The reason I can say that the two of us installed it is that I climbed up on top of the house and held the insulated pipe while James finished sawing the hole for it to come through. I also helped some with the Z-brick. Anyway, I can claim some of the credit. We approach these home improvements quite cautiously since we staggered around with giant sheets of sheetrock several years ago trying to put it on the walls of a house. It took us about one day then to acknowledge the superiority of the sheetrock and the outside chance of a divorce and to call in someone who knew what to do.

Several projects we have undertaken have turned out fairly well. The only stipulation I make when we take saw, hammer, drill, and nails in hand is that it "can't look like we did the work."

But, back to the top of the house. The day was balmy, sort of borrowed from spring but not quite, still a fall day. The sounds of the yard, the street, the house, the highway, the neighborhood were cozy accompaniment to contentment.

I said to James, "I love sitting up here. I think I'll build me a tree stand up here on the house." His comment I'll not relay.

It was almost a worship experience, really, to sit there and sense the presence of God, to sense it through sight, sound, smell, touch. To sense it through spirit, mentality, kinship. To sense it almost like a pulsebeat.

My feeling about what folks would say if they drove by and saw me sitting on top of my house for no reason that they could see, whatever I might feel, will keep me off the roof-top, that's for sure. But it was a lovely, fleeting altar, and I have builded it in my memory.

In Micro-Surgery At Med Center

Surgeon Re-Attaches Severed Fingers

When the search for a missing object seems hopeless, the inevitable analogy describes the effort as "like looking for a needle in a hay stack."

In the surgical suite at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, some needles

Both the microscope and the needle-thread combination are adjuncts to the relatively new field of micro-surgery, and they enable surgeons to re-implant detached parts.

One patient recently lost four fingers when his hand was caught in a sharp

gainful employment.

After what was described as "a rather uneventful" recovery, Mahafey is now going through rehabilitation procedures, including a series of exercises to regain maximum-possible use of the hand.

The new micro-surgery equipment at Baptist also makes possible some new techniques in wound coverage. Sections of tissue including arteries and veins can be moved from one part of the body to another for re-establishment of blood supply through

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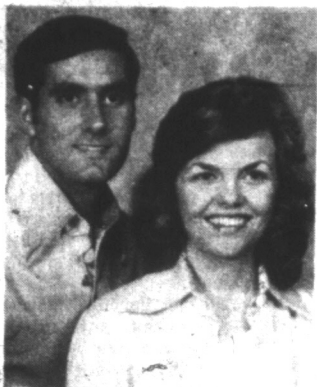
Names In The News

Grant Shipp, minister of music for the past fourteen years at Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, has resigned. His plans are to give more time to revivals and lay renewals. A reception honoring him and his wife was held Oct. 17. The music ministry at Big Ridge under Mr. Shipp's leadership has grown from one choir of about 14 members to the present 50 members, plus youth, children's, and preschool choirs. Rev. Robert M. Carlisle is the pastor.

Artie Nute has been ordained to the ministry by Linn Church, Daddsville. Rev. Nute is interim pastor at Merigold Church and teaches Bible at Lee Academy, Clarksdale, where he lives. He was formerly interim pastor at Rena Lara and Linn, and has held revivals and youth retreats at Mathiston. A graduate of University of Mississippi, he did graduate work this summer at Mississippi College. The Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor at Mathiston and former pastor at Linn, preached the ordination sermon. Others on program include Alvin Austin, retired teacher, and a deacon at Linn; and the Rev. Jack Moore, former pastor at Ruleville. The church gave a reception for Rev. Nute, and presented him with a Bible and a gift certificate.

Terry Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Mayo, has surrendered to the gospel ministry and been licensed to preach by Shiloh Church, Winston Association. Rev. Auzie Sullivan, pastor. He is married to the former Shirley Ann Polk. He is available for supply work. His address is Route 1, Box 170, Louisville, Mississippi 39339.

Mrs. Pam Curry received a pin for 13 years perfect attendance at Sunday School and Mrs. Rachel Warlick a pin for twelve years perfect Sunday School attendance, on Sunday, October 10, at Arbor Grove Church, Houston.



T. K. Moffett has accepted the call as minister of music at Abbeville, First Church, in Lafayette Association.

Born in Becker, he is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, and received his M.A. from the University of Hawaii. He has served 5½ years in the armed services. He has been active in the music of the church since the age of 15. He is attending Law School at the University of Mississippi. He is married to the former Rita Millsaps of Tupelo, who received her B.S. degree from the University of Hawaii. She is dietitian at the Mental Retardation Center at Oxford. The church welcomed the couple with an old-fashioned pantry shower and dinner in the church fellowship hall. The pastor is Rev. Millard L. Swinney.

32nd Year Pin

Boyce Cook of Star was presented a pin on October 3 to celebrate his 32nd year of perfect attendance in Sunday School at Star Church. He received the pin in a special recognition service during the morning worship hour. Displayed in a chain were 31 other pins previously presented to him. Born April 16, 1904, Mr. Cook is a native of Rankin County, son of the late Euel Henry Cook and Rebecca Myers Cook. He has been a member of Star Church since 1924. He and the former Mozelle Cooper were married January 19, 1935. They have one son, Charles and two grandchildren, Mike and Ricky, all of Star. The Star pastor is the Rev. Charles Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calcote, missionaries to Japan, came home early for medical reasons. They will be in the States at least four months more, and can be reached at Route 1, Box 116, Wesson, MS 39191 (telephone 833-4823).

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, missionaries to Spain, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. James Rinker, Box 146, Haywood, Okla. 74548). Both are natives of Colorado.

William Tracy Carlisle has been licensed to preach by the Rocky Hill Church, Wesson. He has been preaching at Rocky Hill in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Milfred Malone, who is ill.



Steve and Debbie Hurt have moved to Monticello where he is the new minister of music and education.

Born in St. Louis, Steve spent most of his life in Memphis. He graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Western Seminary. He has previously served in Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, as youth director, and as minister of music and youth at the College Heights Church in Cleburne, Texas. Mrs. Hurt is the former Deborah Ann Powell of Jackson. They have one son, John, two, Debbie, a graduate of Mississippi College, teaches English at Monticello.

Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven, has licensed 18-year-old Lance Hoggatt to the gospel ministry. Mr. Hoggatt graduated from Brookhaven High School and is a student at Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hoggatt of Brookhaven. His father is a deacon at Halbert Heights and his mother Helen is the church librarian. Rev. John Farris is pastor.

Revival Dates

North McComb Church, McComb: Nov. 7-12; Rev. David Millican, pastor of South McComb, evangelist; Eugene Price, music director of Central Church, singer; services at noon with a luncheon each day and at 7 p.m.; Rev. Joe H. Ratcliff, pastor.

Cedar Bluff Church, (Clay): Nov. 7-12; Rev. Clyde Meredith, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Harlan Turman, Corinth, music director; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Varnon, pastor.

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Spanish Church: November 12, 13, 14; services Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.; Rev. Curtis Ferrell, pastor, preaching; Daniel Carroll, interim minister of youth at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, guest musician (both the evangelist and the musician, sons of missionaries, grew up in Argentina); services in Spanish; Dr. David Grant, Broadmoor pastor.

Locust Street Church (Pike): November 7-12; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and each night at 7; Rev. Martin Hayden, Pleasant Home Church, Laurel, evangelist; Gary "Slim" Cornett, West Point, singer; Rev. Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Natchez: Nov. 7-12; Dr. B. Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; Cecil Harper, minister of music, Robinson Street Church, Jackson, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m. and 12 noon with luncheon served; Billy R. Thomas, pastor.

First Church, Laurel: November 7-12; Vance Havner, native of North Carolina, one of America's most traveled evangelists and popular Bible conference speakers, and author of many books, preaching; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, guest musicians; Dr. Jim Keith, pastor; Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., noon luncheon 12-1, and evening services at 7.

The greatest area of unemployment in this country is just above the shoulders.

Devotional

The Christian Home

By Sherman Barnette, Pastor, Friendship, Grenada

The number one social problem confronting America today is the breakdown of interpersonal relationships in the home.

Many parents who are frustrated and confused are asking, "What did we do wrong?"

There are three basic principles I would like to share with you which are a must in the Christian Home.

First, there must be love. In Ephesians 5:25 husbands are admonished to love their wives. When there is love between husband and wife, and their love is expressed verbally in the children's presence, it gives them a sense of security. We husbands are sometimes guilty of not telling our wives that we love them, but we should every day. This reminds me of a man who was asked by a marriage counselor, "How long as it been since you told your wife you loved her?" The man answered, "Well, I told her 25 years ago I loved her, and if I change my mind I'll let her know."

We should also tell our children how much we care about them, and how much we love them. I don't know why, but when I was growing up, a lot of parents would not just come out and say to their children, "I love you."

Another thing that is needed in the Christian home is example. Many men will quote the Bible and say the husband is to be the "head" of the home. This is true, but it does not mean that he is to be a drill sergeant. It means that he is to be the leader, an example, to the family. They want to be shown how to live and not just be told. He is to lead, the wife is to support him and help him, and not hinder him. She is to encourage, not discourage. Parents are to be examples to their children in their attitudes toward each other, other people, sex, government, and the church. There should be a family altar, a time when the family gathers around and has Bible study and prayer. In many homes today the TV is the family altar. We spend hours watching TV and little time, if any, in prayer and Bible study.

Lastly, there should be discipline. Billy Sunday once said, "If you want to lick the devil, hit him over the head with a cradle." The Bible teaches that parents should discipline their children. When I was growing up I didn't like those whippings (not spankings, but whippings) that my father gave me. Personally, I believe this is one of the reasons parents are having so many problems with their teenagers. They didn't discipline them when they were children. It always amazes me how some parents will not discipline a child, will not bring him to Sunday School and church, and then when he is fifteen and in trouble they call the pastor. "Oh, pastor, please help us, help our boy." The pastor will pray with them, counsel with them, but really there is nothing he can do. They let the boy do as he pleased for fifteen years and then expect the pastor to change him in a two-hour counseling session. Nothing short of a miracle of the Lord will change him.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For November 7

Marketplace Religion

By Bill Duncan

Isaiah 1:10-17; James 1:22-27

An automobile mechanic has made a profession of faith in Christ. His is a dynamic, growing faith. He is enthusiastic in his desire to witness to others. How would you advise him?

Would you advise him to mount religious mottoes on the walls of his shop? or leave a soul-winning tract in the seat of cars he services? or enclose invitations to church in his monthly statements?

Perhaps. But not for his first step. His very first goal is to satisfy his customers with a job well done. He should charge a fair price, and avoid unnecessary repairs. Although some customers might never know the difference, he would refuse such gimmicks as cleaning old spark plugs while charging for new ones.

Once this service man wins the confidence and esteem of his customers, he can more readily win them to faith in Christ. And this is a basic principle for all Christians of whatever vocation, lay or clergy. If we have a way of

turning people off from us, we also run the risk of turning them off from our Savior. If others don't like us, how can we expect them to like what we preach?

The Warning of God Proclaimed

Isaiah 1:10-17

A denomination or a nation is in trouble when its people give lip service to God, when activities of the churches become perfunctory, when worship services are meaningless religious rites and empty formalities. Tendencies in this direction, which exist in our nation today, give us cause for alarm. It was about similar conditions that Isaiah was alarmed and out of which he was moved most forcefully to speak.

Isaiah thundered out against mere religious forms which failed to express true devotion to God. The people were prosperous and they brought many lambs and other animals for sacrifice. God ordered no more "vain offerings." He was not opposed to sacrifices, but to those who sacrificed with no sense of true worship. These rites were

not prompted by devotion or by a real desire for forgiveness. There was no moral obedience to accompany the sacrifice.

The genuine worship of God, though marked with joy and inexpressible delight, is also solemn business. One must examine his motive for worship. Unless we do, God might say, "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear" (Isa. 1:15).

Isaiah said that their hands were full of blood. The reason was that, in God's sight, their hearts were filled with lust, greed, injustice, and indifference both to God and to those for whom they were responsible. Man's reason has failed him when he assumes that regardless of the manner of his life he can still lift up prayers to God in the same casual way.

"Learn to do good, seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Isa. 1:17). Here are the positive elements of true religion. If one has only a negative

goodness, he falls far short of God's intent for his life. "Learn to do good," shows that doing good is an art which must be developed. It is like an athlete who becomes more skillful by constant practice. Learning to do good is the basic element upon which the other positive commands rest.

If one has true religion, he will have the right motive in worship and his daily life will show his love for people in activities that deal with the evil that eats like a cancer at the body of the social order. One is not saved by rendering social service. But if he is saved, his religion will show in doing good.

Evidences Of Genuine Religion

As Edgar Guest wrote, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one, any day." The proof of the pudding is in what the Christian does. A Christian who hears and does not do is not reasoning rightly. A man who has the opportunity to hear the word of God and does not put it into practice is hurting himself.

James states that practical religion will show itself in the areas of self-control, charity and purity. These evidences in everyday living will help us discover the person who possesses the real thing. The tongue is in an instrument that has damaging potential. A Christian will control the tongue, to keep it from over-confident boasting, lying, gossip, etc. The controlled tongue will be an evidence of real faith. Authentic religion will prompt one to

share in the fellowship of the suffering of others. A person who is motivated by love for Christ will "visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions." His burden will prompt him to share his material blessings with the less fortunate, and he will also give himself. "To visit" means more than a hurried call; it means "to look after."

A church does not exist for charity alone, but a church which practices no charity soon ceases to exist. Another way a man demonstrates pure religion is by keeping "himself unspotted from the world." God is urging the Christian to be on constant guard of his speech and behavior so that the lost world will not have an opportunity to censure his faith. A person may not be able to avoid coming in contact with that which is stained and impure, but they can and must guard their minds and hearts from its contaminating influences.

The genuine evidences of religion are seen in the everyday world of believers. "What you say speaks so loud that I can't hear what you say." Jesus carried his disciples to the marketplace more often than to the temple for religious instruction. The lost people are not in the church as much as

they are in the marketplace. This is where we need to live out our faith.

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Sunday School Lesson: International For November 7

God's Mercy For All

By Wm. J. Falls

Romans 10:1-13; 11

Today's paper has a picture of a church sign with the message: "Revival — Welcome to All," but a group of black visitors was prevented from entering. What would have happened at your church? In some communities Latin-Americans would not be welcome; in others, Indians would be frowned on. Some churches would hesitate to receive an ex-con and his wife, and others would suspect the motives of a group from the "other side of the tracks." It is much easier to talk about "God's Mercy for All" than to let God use us as a channel for his mercy and love. As a doctrine, it is easier to preach than to live. Let us see what it meant to Paul.

The Lesson Explained

Paul Yearned For His People

Chapters 9 to 11 deal with the unbelief of Israel and God's apparent rejection of his chosen people. Already Paul had referred to the problem and the new development as he understood it, but here he really concentrates on it. How he wished that his "kinsmen according to the flesh" could see God's promise to Abraham being worked out

in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. They had so many blessings from God (9:4-5), but they resented his judgments. In the end they stressed obedience to law rather than having faith in God's goodness. Now they have, Paul said, "a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (10:2). They insist on trying to "establish their own righteousness" rather than depending on God's grace. Paul yearned "that they might be saved" (10:1).

Salvation Available For all

(10:1-13)

In the midst of this three-chapter "sermon" on salvation for Jews and Gentiles, Paul offers here a clear and simple statement on the way of salvation. Verse 5 refers to Leviticus 18:5 and means that the man who depends on the law to make him upright before God must obey all the law. The man who depends on faith for his acceptance before God knows that no effort on his part can accomplish what Christ has done. He need not bring him down from heaven or back from the grave. Instead, all that is needed can be represented by words in one's mouth and heart. The faith experience can be con-

fessed quite simply: accepting Jesus as Lord and his resurrection as a fact.

While anyone can "say" he believes these things, true belief that makes a person righteous before God arises from the heart, the center of being. Such a transforming experience must find expression in the mouth. This inner and outward commitment means salvation.

A Doxology To God's Wisdom

(11:33-36)

As though he realized that the problem of the Jews and the gospel had no immediate answer except in the mind of God, Paul burst forth in these last verses to praise God's wisdom and knowledge. That same feeling could have been kindled also by Paul's marveling at the whole idea of justification by faith in God's grace. God's ways are beyond man's understanding; his little mind cannot go that deep.

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Free Parking Available For Convention

The Order of Business Committee for the Mississippi Baptist Convention has arranged free parking at the state fairgrounds which is near the First Baptist Church.

A shuttle bus will transport messengers free to and from First Baptist Church where sessions will be held.

The schedule begins Nov. 16, with trips to the church from the fairgrounds from 8-9 a.m. At 11:45 a.m., the bus will pick up passengers in front of the church for return to the fairgrounds.

From 1-1:30 p.m., return to church from fairgrounds. Then 4:30 p.m., back to the fairgrounds. No service will be provided during the evening sessions because of ample night parking.

The same schedule will be in effect for Nov. 17. Then on Thursday, Nov. 18, the shuttle bus will pick up passengers at the fairgrounds from 8-9 a.m., then return them for a final time at 11:45 a.m. after the last session.

Messengers may enter the fairgrounds lot at the main entrance on (Continued on page 2)

"Triumphant Church" Is Theme

Baptists across Mississippi are planning for their 141st annual convention Nov. 16-18.

The convention will get under way at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The theme of the convention will be proclaimed on a large banner strung across the front of the auditorium. It is, "A Triumphant Church for a Troubled World."

During the course of their convention Mississippi Baptists will consider a record \$8.4 million budget, elect a new president, hear inspirational messages from several speakers, and receive reports from the various phases of work.

More than 1,900 churches in the state with memberships totaling more than 600,000 cooperate with each other through the agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Of the \$8.4 million budget, \$2,688,000 will be designated for Southern Baptist Convention causes. These include foreign missions and home missions as well as many other areas of work.

Institutions and agencies in Mississippi will be budgeted to receive \$2,425,242. The largest figure in this



Earl Kelly



James Richardson

Plains Church To Decide Whether To Fire Pastor

PLAINS, Ga. (BP)—Plains Baptist Church, cast into a global spotlight by the membership of President-elect Jimmy Carter and his family, was called to a conference set for Sunday morning, Nov. 14, by pastor Bruce E. Edwards to discuss his tenure.

Sources earlier said the conference would be called for Wed., Nov. 10, but the date was changed to the following Sunday, Edwards said.

Edwards announced on Nov. 3 that he would call the conference to discuss tensions that arose when a black minister from Albany, Ga., came to present himself for membership at the church two days before the national elections, and found worship services had been cancelled by the church's deacons.

Earlier that week, Clennon King of Albany, pastor of a non-denominational church, had announced he would be at the Plains church seeking membership.

King returned to the church, Nov. 7, and was locked out of services.

The Plains deacons met and revived a 1965 resolution which barred all blacks and civil rights activists from the church.

Edwards said he objected to the deacons' action and to a subsequent move by the deacons in which they cancelled the Oct. 31 worship services.

Next, the deacons wrote Edwards a letter asking him to resign. The Plains church's constitution calls for one week's advance notice for the church to be called into conference. Edwards said he called the conference himself



President-Elect Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn, stand with their pastor Bruce Edwards and his wife Sandra, in front of Plains Baptist Church, Plains, Ga. Carter, the second Southern Baptist to win the presidency, is a Sunday School teacher in the church's church school, and his family are members of the church. The other Southern Baptist president, Warren G. Harding was a Baptist, but not a Southern Baptist. The photo was taken last summer by The Christian Index.

to bring the issue to a conclusion.

At a Wednesday evening prayer service, according to wire reports, the day following the elections, Edwards told the 25 worshippers assembled of the deacons' letter requesting his resignation, and quoted from it: "Your effectiveness and leadership

category are \$1,512,000 for Christian Education and \$165,000 for the Children's Village, the convention's program of caring for children.

Board programs are budgeted for \$2,996,988, and administration and promotion will receive \$289,770. The total for all causes in Mississippi is \$5,712,000.

President James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, will be completing two terms, which is the constitutional limit. Other officers serving during the past year have been Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, first vice-president; Rev. Robert Shirley, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Tupelo, second vice-president; Horace Kerr, Jackson layman; recording secretary; and Hueston Adkins, pastor of West Ellisville Baptist Church in Ellisville, associate recording secretary.

Kerr recently accepted a job with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Among the several inspirational messages to be heard will be the annual convention sermon, this year to be preached by Rev. William F. Evans, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Albany. The alternate for the annual sermon is Dr. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Another one of the messages for the convention will be the president's address by Dr. Richardson.

Rev. Benton Preston, pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Jackson, is the chairman of the convention's Committee on Order of Business. This committee is responsible for suggesting a program for the convention and for helping the president keep the convention running smoothly.

Other meetings related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Monday. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will meet Monday afternoon at the Baptist Building. The annual Baptist Men's Conference will be held during the afternoon at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson. On Monday evening the annual Brotherhood banquet will be held in Broadmoor's Fellowship Hall.

Gene Triggs, a Yazoo City layman, is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and will preside during that meeting. The board's Executive Committee will meet during the morning with its chairman, Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church of Tupelo, presiding.

A number of out-of-state speakers are scheduled for the convention. Among these are Dr. Glendon McCullough, Memphis, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission; Dr. Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas; Dr. John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and soon to be pastor of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson; Miss Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union; Rev. Lewis Myers, former Southern Baptist missionary to South Vietnam, now working temporarily with the denomination's Home Mission Board in Vietnamese resettlement; and Dr. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C.

Six Mississippians will deliver Bible treasure addresses. They are Rev. S.

Mississippians Named Foreign Missionaries

RICHMOND — Tom and Sandy Warrington of Columbus, Miss., were among 28 missionaries appointed in



Tom and Sandy Warrington

November by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here. They will be assigned to Costa Rica where he will be a general evangelist and theological teacher.

They are living in Columbus, where he is an assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, and she is an instructor of nursing at Mississippi University for Women.

A native of Jackson, he received a certificate in radiologic technology from the University of Mississippi Medical Center there. He was graduated from Belhaven College, Jackson, with the bachelor of science degree and New Orleans Seminary with the master of divinity degree.

He was an X-ray technologist at Southern Baptist Hospital and an as-

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Christian Yellow Pages Keep It In The Kingdom

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS) — Two Southern Baptists have decided to publish an area "Christian Yellow Pages," listing businesses owned by those who affirm they are "born again" Christians.

However, the project has been criticized by a state Southern Baptist official and a local rabbi, in part because of the overtones of a "boycott" they see in it.

The Rev. Charles Allen Wells of Union Baptist Church, Amelia County, and a Virginia corrections department parole officer, and Richard Coley, fiscal officer for the Virginia attorney-general's office, are quitting their posts to launch a venture which grew from a similar idea in Modesto, Calif.

Such directories are reportedly published currently in 25 cities, including Portland, Ore., and Miami, Fla.

Both Mr. Wells and Mr. Coley endorse this rationale for their project — "more or less to keep money within the kingdom. There's a certain margin of profit you have to have to do business, so wouldn't you, as a Christian, rather see this go to help support another Christian who has the blood of Jesus Christ flowing through his veins?"

Their approach, they note, is interdenominational, and extends to Roman Catholics who affirm a born-again experience.

What about non-Christians? Said Mr. Wells: "We've got no axes to grind. We're not after anybody. We've got a good product to sell and a good market for it and we feel very much led to do what we're doing."

Said Mr. Coley: "Jews are not prohibited from this. The choice is theirs to make. They can make a decision."

"Our point is not exclusive," stressed Mr. Wells. "It's inclusion of all persons in the Christian community."

He added, "Our purpose is not to offend; it's to identify the Christian businessman in the community for the Christians in the community."

Another Southern Baptist expressed reservations about the yellow-pages project.

The Rev. Clint Hopkins, secretary of the social ministries department of the Virginia Baptist General Board, said, "We have maintained a pretty strong allegiance to places where we live without separating ourselves from people we can be witnesses to. This is somehow separating oneself from that."

33 Nations Meet In Friendship

By Anne McWilliams

Bennett Enyioha of Nigeria was one of 175 international students who traveled to Camp Garaywa on November 5 for a weekend of fellowship and relaxation, and for an examination of the Christian faith in an atmosphere of respect for all religions. They came from seven colleges and universities.

"These students are among the most talented and brilliant in their countries," Bennett pointed out. "And they will be the future leaders of their countries. If they are reached for Christ here, they can make a great impact on

the world for Him." (See story next week about Bennett, a ministerial student at William Carey College.)

The International Student Conference, in its 21st year, is sponsored jointly by BSU and WMU. In fact, Dr. Lynn Stewart, associate professor of biochemistry at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, one of the guest speakers, suggested that the name of Garaywa should be changed to include BSU and WMU, as well as GA, RA, and YWA. His idea was to call it RAW-MUBSUGAYWA.

When Ralph Winders, director of the Department of Student Work con-

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SBC Annuity Board Establishes Fund, Policies, OK's 13th Check

HOUSTON (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, meeting here, established new policies for administering the agency's retirement funds, created a new money plan fund, approved a "13th check" for annuitants, and allocated additional interest credits for most members in the board's Plan A fund.

The new policies will ultimately improve protection benefits for participants, a spokesman said.

The actions by the trustees came during the first semi-annual meeting and the first official full trustees gathering ever scheduled outside of Dallas, home of the Annuity Board, which administers retirement funds for Southern Baptist pastors and church and denominational workers.

Darold H. Morgan, president and chief executive officer of the 55-year-old agency, called the trustees' actions

"not only history making but also pace setting in the field of retirement planning and funding."

He said the "13th check" will amount to 8.33 percent and equal one month's benefits for most retired members of Plan A. This is the 11th time the board has paid the 13th check.

Morgan said one of the new policies calls for the assets held by the board to be separated physically into a minimum of five asset pools designed to meet specific investment requirements. Once the assets are separated, the finance committee will invest accordingly, he added.

He said the five benefit reserve funds will include those for the annuitants and for members in the board's Plan A, Plan B-10 and Plan C and in the newly established fund, Plan B-11.

Morgan pointed out that the desired investment posture for each of the be-

The state Baptist Men's Conference, held each year before the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is set for Monday, Nov. 15, at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

This year's conference will honor Elmer Howell who will be retiring in January 1977 as director of the state Brotherhood Department. Howell, who has served in the department



John Bewley and Willie

Brotherhood Banquet Features Bewley, Barbershop Quartet



Mr. Olive Barbershop Quartet

since 1967, has been director for 17 years.

Grady Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and James Ballard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hialeah, Fla., will be the featured speakers for the conference.

The William Carey College Chorale, under the direction of Donald Winters, dean of Carey's School of Music, will

present special music for the conference which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be held in the sanctuary of Broadmoor Baptist Church, 787 E. Northside Dr.

The annual Brotherhood Banquet, which precedes the Baptist Men's Conference, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Broadmoor Fellowship Hall. Tickets may be obtained from the Brotherhood (Continued on page 3)

Baptist Record Produces Special Centennial Issue

In celebration of its 100 years of service to Mississippi Baptists, the Baptist Record is producing a special centennial issue.

The 32-page special, to be published Feb. 3, 1977, will feature stories on the history of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, stories on former editors, and special events in Mississippi Baptist life these hundred years. Some of the outstanding editorials and history-making events between 1877 and the present will be repeated for this issue. Dr. Joe Odle is serving as resource for the issue.

Readers of the Baptist Record are invited to participate in several ways in preparation for this event. The Baptist Record would like to borrow old pictures of events connected with Mississippi Baptist life for possible inclusion in the issue. Pictures would be returned.

Also, the Baptist Record is looking for the person who has been reading it for the longest time. If you think you've been reading the Baptist Record longer than any one person, at least 60 years, please let us know about you.

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MasterControl Show Wins Catholic Award

FORT WORTH (BP) — "MasterControl", a public-service radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has won a Gabriel Award for excellence from UNDA-USA, formerly the Catholic Association of Broadcasters.

"MasterControl", now in its 17th year of broadcasting, has been produced since June, 1972 by Charles Yates of the Radio-TV Commission's radio department. In 1974, UNDA-USA cited Yates with an award of merit for his work on the show.

The award-winning "MasterControl" segment aired in November, 1975, detailed the dangers of alcohol and featured interviews with actor Dick Van Dyke and baseball's Don Newcombe. The two described the terrors of alcoholism and their own struggle in overcoming it.

The award will be presented in ceremonies December 2 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a commission spokesman said.

Columbus Education Minister Elected Brotherhood Chairman

William E. Hardy, Jr., minister of education for First Baptist Church, Columbus, has been elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.



Hardy

Hardy, a former minister of education for First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, succeeds P. A. Stevens, of Louisville, Ky., as chairman of the 41-member board of trustees.

Raised in Raleigh, Hardy is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He has previously served as the Commission's recording secretary and as a member of its executive committee and administrative committee. He was a member of the executive committee of

the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 1971-72, and will serve as a convener during this year's meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

Other new officers elected were vice chairman, Everett Lemay, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; and recording secretary, Ernie Castro, a continuing education consultant, Wichita, Kans.

The Commission met for its semi-annual session in Olive Branch, Miss.

Plains Church To Decide Whether To Fire Pastor

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as pastor. Edwards, a 1974 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, told the Wednesday evening worshippers, according to reports.

"I think it's a very dangerous precedent for the board of deacons to ask for my resignation because I disagree with the 1965 resolution... If I do continue as pastor of this church, it is my God-given responsibility to tell you that resolution is wrong and sinful."

Edwards said that when he came to the church on Sun., Oct. 31, and saw deacons guarding the locked doors, "It tore my heart out that I was pastor of a church where men stood guard to keep people out of a church when I spent my whole life trying to get people into the church."

The Baptist minister said he has received hundreds of telegrams condemning the church.

Southern Baptist Convention President James L. Sullivan and other national denominational leaders have been widely quoted as denouncing any form of racism among Southern Baptists. But they emphatically stated they felt the Plains church incident involving King was "insincere" and "coercive," as Sullivan said. They said it was an apparent attempt to sway the election away from Carter.

Edwards, who holds the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary, is a 1969 graduate of Norman Baptist College, Norman Park, Ga., and of Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, 1970.

He has been pastor in Plains since Jan. 1975 and came here upon graduation from New Orleans Seminary, Dec. 1974. Before attending seminary he was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Americus, 1968-71. During his seminary days he was pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Mt. Hermon, La.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Divorce among Americans now in their late twenties is three to four times more frequent than it was among Americans of similar age 45 years ago, A Bureau of the U. S. Census report indicates. The Bureau also reports that the divorce rate has more than doubled in this country during the last 12 years, from 2.3 per 1,000 population in 1963, to 4.8 in 1975.

Free Parking

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Jefferson Street. W. Benton Preston, chairman of the Order of Business Committee, said this is the second year this service has been offered by the Convention. "The amount of use would help determine whether to provide similar service next year," said Preston.

Parking at the fairgrounds lot is made available courtesy of H. H. Aniston, executive secretary for the state Fairgrounds Commission.

SBC Annuity Board OK's 13th Check

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from four to six percent and that much work remains to be completed before the adjustment can be made. Morgan indicated the annuitants could possibly receive increases in 1977. The

Yellow Pages For Christians

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Rabbi Jack Spiro, leader of Congregation Beth Ahabah here, said the "born-again" advertising approach excludes "the majority of Christians in the extremely important major Protestant denominations from the kingdom."

He added, "What does money have to do with the kingdom? Is this monotheism or moneytheism?"

Likening the yellow pages to the Arab boycott of Israel, Rabbi Spiro suggested that "any kind of discrimination in the free enterprise system would be anti-American."



Council On Family Relations Officers

At their annual meeting in Jackson, Nov. 4, the Mississippi Council on Family Relations heard Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, chairperson, Department of Sociology, Louisiana College, as their guest speaker, and elected officers for 1977. Left to right are: Dr. Anders; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, out-going president; Jeanne Forrester, Pascagoula, president; Dr. Altra Hamman, Hattiesburg, president-elect (serves as vice president); and Mrs. James (Ann) Allen, Columbus, secretary-treasurer.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Sydney (RNS) — The Methodist Conference of New South Wales, despite arguments that its action would harm relations with Congregationalists and Presbyterians, voted to reaffirm a long-standing ban on manufacture, sale, storage, or distribution of liquor at theological education centers owned by the Methodist Church. Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists are scheduled to merge as the United Church of Australia next June.

Monsouriyeh, Lebanon (EBPS) — For the first time in sixteen years the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary is closed. The Seminary failed to open for the fall semester as a result of the Lebanese civil war.

Birmingham, Ala. (EP) — Huffman Assembly of God Church here has broken ground for a new complex with a 10,000 - seat sanctuary, which it believes will be the largest in the United States.

Mill Valley, Calif. (BP) — A record 1977-78 budget request of \$1,120,084 was projected by the executive committee of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's trustees meeting here. In their fall meeting, which coincided with the school's annual Founder's Day, the trustees were informed of an all-time enrollment high of 400, which is 10 percent more than the school's then-record fall enrollment figure last year.

Sydney (RNS) — Joke or not, a resolution placed before the Anglican Synod of Sydney asked that organizers planning a 1979 Billy Graham Crusade ban crusade meetings on Sunday "as a witness to the sanctity of the Lord's Day." The motion went down to overwhelming defeat.

New York (EP) — At the request of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, the American Bible Society is translating the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha is a name given to Old Testament books or portions considered canonical by Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, but not by most other Christians.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Pointing to this year's observance of National Bible Week — Nov. 21-28 — the general secretary of the U. S. Catholic bishops' conference urged parishes to use bulletins, homilies and general intercessions at Mass to encourage Catholics to frequently and prayerfully read the Scriptures.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — An 1866 Washington law which barred "death-bed bequests" to clergymen and religious groups has been struck down by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The court said that 110-year-old law unconstitutionally "established an irrebuttable presumption that certain bequests to clergymen or religious organizations are the result of undue influence."

Our Church... ... And The Cooperative Program

by James F. Yates, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Yazoo City

"Giving begets giving." This is something my laymen have taught me. I had this reluctance to ask church members for money but discovered that the churchman was right who told me that most men did not need to have their billfolds protected; they were well able to do that themselves! The more a Christian is able to give to his church, the more joy he gets out of it, and thus he is prompted to give more.

What I have discovered to be true of a Christian, I find also to be true of a church. Back in 1956 when First Baptist Church of Yazoo City made the decision to vacate its old and inadequate facilities downtown and move out to a more spacious location, the commitment was made not to cut any mission giving while paying for the new buildings. Records will show that since the new buildings were occupied in 1957 there have been only three instances

when Cooperative Program gifts were slightly lower than the previous year. In each instance it was the result of total church giving being down.

Our church has chosen to give 28 percent of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program. In addition, for 10 years First Baptist Church has had a program of direct missions and has always given strong emphasis to the three major mission offerings, State, Home, and Foreign.

God has never failed us! We have always been able to take care of local needs, meet building notes on schedule (the latest building having been constructed in 1975), and, at the same time, to expand our program. I cannot explain the axiom, but it seems to be true: the more you give away, the more you have!

First Baptist Church, Yazoo City gave \$63.62 per member through the Cooperative Program to date this year for a total of \$65,534.39 as of Sept. 27, 1976.

Thomason Resigns BSSB Executive Vice Presidency

NASHVILLE (BP) — W. O. Thomason, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has resigned that position, effective Nov. 5, to pursue private practice in the field of consulting and counseling services, in association with local psychologist Glenn Larson.

It was announced that James W. Clark, director of the Broadman division, will serve as interim executive vice president until the office is filled by trustee action.

In a letter to Sunday School Board trustees, Thomason cited family obligations which have been "of an unusual and time-consuming nature," to which he needs to devote more time than is presently possible. His wife, Mary, has been a complete invalid for the past nine years as a result of multiple sclerosis, a board spokesman said.

Thomason, in his resignation letter, praised the leadership of board president Grady C. Cothen, thanked Cothen, the trustees, and board personnel for their friendship and concern, and noted that "the Sunday School Board is on the threshold of vast new programs and enlarged horizons."

Cothen stated that "It is with the greatest possible regret that we lose the services of Bill Thomason. He has a brilliant mind and great administrative skills. This decision is one he has arrived at as a result of his personal needs and problems. We will miss him, but we are grateful for all the years of faithful service he has given the Sunday School Board."

Thomason started with the board in 1968 as editor of Living With Children. He became assistant to the director of the education division the following year and director of the book store division in 1971. In 1975 he was elected executive vice president of the agency.

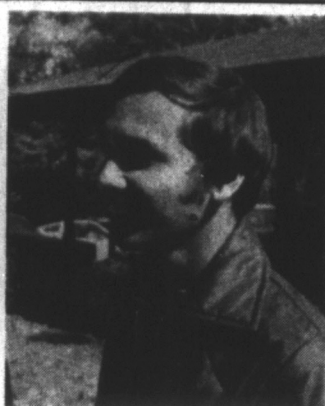
A native of Birmingham, Thomason is a graduate of Auburn University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as minister of education in churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Baptist Record Centennial

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Include your name, age, how long you've been reading it, and be sure to include your phone number. We'd like to come photograph and interview you. Deadline for submissions, is December 15.

Certain issues of the Baptist Record prior to 1900 are missing from the permanent files. If you have any copies of the paper prior to that year and are willing to let the Baptist Record have them, please write.



33 Nations Meet In Friendship At Camp Garaywa

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ducted the Roll Call of Nations, at least 33 countries responded, all the way from Argentina to Vietnam. A representative from each country displayed his flag, in a colorful line-up. There were students present from five continents.

Missionary kids studying in the state had been invited, as well as a few other American students who came to help act as hosts.

Jerry Merriman, associate, Department of Student Work, directed the weekend program. For Saturday afternoon, he had planned an excursion to the national park in Vicksburg.

Dr. Stewart, biochemist, in "Design for Discovery," told of ways to gain

knowledge — through information, inference and implication, insight, and revelation. He said, "We can talk to the trees. We can learn about the Creator by talking to the creation. Our world is designed in such an orderly way that we can pose a question of a tree, and find the answer."

On the subject, "God and the Test Tube," he pointed out that God is at work in his world to reveal Himself to man. "How can we see Him?" he asked. "In the lives of others; in the way He created man (gave us a will); in the record of His works with man (the Bible); in the way He made the world; in the healing of the nations; in the inward witness."

Later, in one of the discussion groups, a student from Africa asked, "What did you mean by the inward witness?" and this led to more questions and answers on that subject. Convenors for discussion groups were Ron Boswell, BSU director at Ole Miss; Judy Cadenhead, BSU director at MUW; and Irceel Harrison, BSU director at State.

Pat and Monte Clendinning presented "Christian Views of Marriage and Family." Former missionaries to Switzerland, they now live in Atlanta where he is minister of counseling at Second Ponce de Leon Church and she works at the Home Mission Board. Both are Mississippians.

Monte said, "Maybe the reason for divorce is that the people involved don't know what marriage is all about." Pat underscored the fact that marriage is a commitment to another person. He defined the Christian ideal for marriage as "permanence, based on caring for each other and meeting each other's needs."

Discussion groups examined and re-examined different concepts of marriage and the family. One young man from India gave his views concerning arranged marriages and polygamous marriages. He said he believed that arranged marriages often last longer than some marriages for love, because they have tradition and family approval behind them. On

the other hand, he said that those in arranged marriages are sometimes totally miserable.

Paul Lee, director of Baptist Student Work, Memphis State University, who led the music for the conference, was featured in a special concert on Saturday evening.

International students on Saturday evening presented a talent show that was a highlight of the weekend. From Peru to Kenya, they dressed in traditional costumes. In song and folk dance, fashions and drama, they revealed something of themselves and of their countries to each other.

Earlier that day Mohamed Zain bin Yusuf, student in civil engineering at

Ole Miss, representative of Malaysia and of the Moslem religion, said that he was enjoying the conference very much. Jenny Chang, MUW student from the Republic of China, said that she had attended last year and liked it so much she decided to return.

Marjean Patterson executive secretary, Mississippi WMU, in speaking to the group, quoted Tennyson: "I am a part of all that I have met." If this were true of all who attended the conference, then all went away richer.

For ideas about how you might creatively offer Christian friendship to the international student in your community, write to Department of Student Work, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



FLAGS OF FIVE CONTINENTS — Wanjuri Wachira, Kenya; Karen Long, USA; E. F. K. Dekayle, Ghana; Jacquelyn Archer, Jamaica; Bennett Enyioha, Nigeria; Fermin Betancourt, Canary Islands; Spain; Patricia Sologuren, Peru; Servio Pinero, Venezuela; Fernando Londone, Colombia; Paipin Chen, Republic of China; and Amitabha Ghosh, India.



TWO GUEST SPEAKERS were Monte Clendinning, center, and Dr. Lynn Stewart, far right.



Food Packages Destroyed

A Report On Georgi Vins: Ailing But In Good Spirits

WHEATON, Ill. (RNS) — The Rev. Georgi Vins, jailed leader of unregistered Reform Baptists in the Soviet Union, is in joyful spirits but poor health in Siberia, according to a six-minute tapes message recorded by his wife and mother.

The tape was made during a visit to the Vins home in Kiev by visiting American Christians.

Mr. Vins, 48, has completed half of a five-year term for his activities, described as "falsifying Soviet reality" by Soviet authorities. Under his sentence, he must remain in exile in Siberia for five years after his labor-camp term expires.

On the tape, Vins' wife Nadezhda reports a visit to her husband in July. "He said that his health was weak," she says. "He often has attacks of pain around his heart, high blood pressure, and his kidneys are constantly causing him pain."

Mrs. Vins says her husband received 40 food packages from the West during the first half of 1976, but that prison officials destroyed them.

"I asked him what kind of food he got

to eat," she continues. "He answered that 'they give us just enough food so that we stay alive.' We wanted to leave him some food, but they (prison guards) forbade us to leave him anything. . . We wanted to leave him a New Testament, but that too was forbidden."

"Spiritually, he feels very strong. He feels that it is God's will that he should be there. He is very grateful for all those who are praying for him. He thanks all those who support him in prayer."

Lidia Vins, his 70-year-old mother, who spent three years in prison in connection with the formation of a protest group, The Council of Prisoners' Relatives, says on the tape that she is grateful for those in the West who pray for them.

Her son, she says, is "very lively and joyful. He was especially pleased to hear that there are many, many people praying for him. That gave him new strength, new energy, and helped him forget that he was alone."

She adds that Mr. Vins feels unworthy of the attention he receives in other parts of the world.

Lidia Vins urged prayer for the children of Soviet Christians.

"There is a continuous desire to try to separate the children from the family because the children are receiving Christian upbringing. The situation here is very harsh. . . but we trust the Lord will provide for everything."

Recently, another leader in the same unregistered Baptist group, Boris Maximovich Zdoroviets, has been released from prison after serving a three-year term at hard labor for preaching in a forest to 1,000 people at a May Day service in which a number of young people made professions of faith, according to information received by the Mission Possible Foundation.

Zdoroviets, who leads the church in the Kharkov region of the Ukraine in the Soviet Union, is considered a "pioneer" of the non-registered Baptist movement.

A month after his release from prison, his signature appeared on a document along with those of leaders of other denominations, criticizing the lack of religious freedom throughout the Soviet Union.

The Mission Possible Foundation is one of several organizations involved in providing, when possible, Bibles and Christian literature for believers inside the Soviet Union.

Mills Named Area Secretary

RICHMOND (BP) — John E. Mills, Southern Baptist missionary to West Africa for 29 years, has been elected area secretary for West Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

He will assume his new duties Jan. 1, 1977, replacing H. Cornell Goerner, who will retire Dec. 31, 1976, after 19 years of service.

West Africa is one of eight areas into which the board divides its overseas administration. As area secretary, the 54-year-old Mills will serve as a liaison between the missionaries and the board. He will be responsible for about 300 missionaries in nine countries — Niger Republic, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Ghana, and Upper Volta.

Mills and his wife, the former Virginia Miller of Galveston, Tex., have been missionaries since 1947.

Asks More Than Bus Rides For Senior Baptists

AURORA, Ill. — Jerry L. Brown, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church here, says he will make a motion at the State Association in Marion asking for a committee to study the possibility of a Christian Care Center for senior citizens.

"When these senior citizens were babies our churches provided a clean bed in the nursery, a bottle warmer and a comfortable room," Brown said. "As toddlers, we asked them for their pennies, as teens and young adults we asked them for their tithes, and when they are teetering adults, we ask them for their estates. I think it's past time for Baptists to give senior citizens more than a bus ride to church, an escalator ride up the steps, or an outlet to plug in their hearing aids!"

Brown pointed out that since the total receipts of Baptist churches in Illinois is over \$23 million a year, Baptists should have the financial strength to build and operate a retirement facility in Illinois.

Mississippians Named

(Continued from page 1) sistant pastor at Canal Boulevard Baptist Church, both in New Orleans, La.

A native of West Point, Miss., Mrs. Warrington is the former Sandy Dill. She was graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center with the bachelor of science degree. She has been employed as a nurse at Veterans Administration Center, Jackson; charge nurse in surgical intensive care at Southern Baptist Hospital; and assistant director of nurses at Columbus Hospital.

Also appointed with a Mississippi connection were Elbert and Billie Deaderick of Knoxville, Tenn., to South Brazil for general evangelism. Both are graduates of William Carey College.

Banquet

(Continued from page 1) Department until noon on Monday. Cost per person is \$2.00.

The Mt. Olive Barbershop Quartet from Mt. Olive, Miss., will present special musical entertainment at the banquet. John Newby, a popular ventriloquist, and his dummy, Willie, will also be a featured entertainer.

This year's Leadership Conference, which begins at 2:30 p.m. (also at Broadmoor) will focus on Brotherhood resource materials. Frank Black of Memphis will direct the conference for Baptist Men's leadership, and Jay Chance of Starkville will lead the Royal Ambassador leadership session.

Foreign Board Appoints 28; Record 2,715 Now Serving

RICHMOND (BP) — With the appointment of 28 new missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board here, Southern Baptists' foreign missionary force has exceeded the 2,700 mark.

A total of 2,715 missionaries now serve in 84 countries. A major goal in the board's total missions thrust for the next 25 years is to have a missionary force of 5,000. In the past 25 years, the number of missionaries has increased from 632 to the present 2,715.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, said in his report at the board's November meeting that the missionary personnel outlook is good.

"With the appointment of the large group of missionaries today and the prospect of another splendid group in December, the outlook is good for bringing 1976 to a close with more missionaries appointed than in any previous year," he said. The record year for appointments was 1975, when 285 missionaries were appointed.

Cauthen said that he is encouraged by the greatly increased seminary enrollments and a deepening concern on the part of college and university students for the needs of the world.

The increased number of volunteers for foreign missions and a simultaneous increase in support indicate "the feeling that Southern Baptists have for the world missions program," said Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the board's department of missionary personnel.

"This milestone is particularly important during this time of the year when Southern Baptists are praying for foreign missionaries and giving to the Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions," Cobbs said.

The board also heard a report from Frank K. Means, secretary for Eastern South America. He reported that the South Brazil Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has requested \$1,000,000 for church development and \$250,000 for mass media ministries to enable them to do their part in reaching Southern Baptists' goal of giving every person in the world the opportunity to hear the gospel by 2000 A.D.

Since Brazil has the largest number of overseas churches, he said, the mission feels it has the biggest job to do in multiplying its churches.

Medical receptorships, an arrangement in which the board provides a short-term overseas opportunity for qualified medical students, were awarded to five persons. They are William R. Brown and Gerald A. Stagg, students at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Shreveport; Cynthia R. Howard, a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Hubert M. Landers Jr., a student at the University of Alabama Medical School, Birmingham; and Keith L. Morgan, a student at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans.

Arnold, McKinney To Lead January Bible Study

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada on Nov. 24. Each program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

The youth Bible study for the preview will be led by Rhea E. McKinney, consultant in youth work for the Sunday School Board.

Dr. Arnold is a native of England. He joined the staff of the Sunday School Board in 1968, and before that he was pastor of Guildford Baptist Church in England. McKinney is a native of Oklahoma and has served as minister of education in several churches.

Meals will be served at each of the churches at noon. Reservations will need to be made with the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Bryant Cummings is the department director. The department is sponsoring the annual preview of the January Bible Study. The study for 1977 is Romans.



Arnold



McKinney

Dr. Stuart Arnold, consultant in the Sunday School Board Department of the Sunday School Board, will lead the annual January Bible Study Preview to be held Nov. 22, 23, and 24. The previews will be one-day each at William Carey College in Hattiesburg on Nov. 22, at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson on Nov. 23, and at



Gifts Presented To Mrs. Gullette

Mrs. Jean Gullette, left, has retired after working for 18½ years with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. She was office secretary the past six and one-half years for the Rev. Roy Collins, right, secretary of the Evangelism Department. The Baptist Building employees gave her a George Washington bedspread, pictured. Rev. and Mrs. Collins gave her the porcelain blackbird shawl.

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Editorials

Why Not Family Viewing All The Time?

A federal court has struck down the Federal Communication Commission's concept of a family viewing time on television.

The family viewing time is not such a great idea. Why could not the entirety of television time be suitable for family viewing? To establish the ideas that the kids should be carted off to bed at a certain hour so that the adults can watch something the kids shouldn't is a reprehensible thought.

But with such an hour established and for it to be banned on the basis of freedom of speech is frightening. The thought that television is able to channel anything it pleases into the sanctuary of our homes is even more frightening. From time to time it seems that some network and syndicated programs and some advertisers on television are exploring the limits to which they will be allowed to go as they beam their concepts on unsuspecting audiences. Evidently there are to be no limits except what

the public will accept.

The advice to turn off the set if it gets too bad does not hold water. Many times the things are on us without warning. And how many television sets are in children's bedrooms to be turned on behind closed doors after the family viewing hour is over?

To the credit of the networks, they have declared their intentions of continuing their family viewing hours on a voluntary basis even though now there is no mandate.

But why must there be a distinction between family viewing and anything else?

Television is a powerful medium and its influence is awesome.

From the beginning of the broadcast industry the concept has been that the industry is transmitting its programs over the public airways; and, therefore, it is subject to a federal regulatory agency. But the court has told the Federal Communica-

tions Commission that it cannot infringe upon television's freedom of speech.

What about the freedom of all the rest of us whose air is being used to transmit television programs and advertising and into whose private living rooms and dens they are being beamed? Who is to decide what is objectionable and what is not?

The court has indeed placed an awesome responsibility into the hands of the television industry. Let's pray that the industry will be responsible.

To keep the record straight, it was not the networks which brought about this recent court decision. It was the result of a suit brought by independent program producers. What would be best is to somehow convince the network executives that their local affiliates would be watched if all the programming from the networks is kept on such a level that kids can watch it too.

Personally. . .

I want to deliver a word of personal testimony.

Over the past couple of weeks or so there have been statements concerning meetings held by nondenominational groups outside regular church fellowships with reference to the many blessings that are to be obtained from attending such meetings.

This is not to answer those statements. This is my own testimony. Having published the other statements, however, I feel my testimony has a place also.

All through the years, from my earliest recollection until the present, I have found the local Baptist church which I have attended wherever I have lived to be a source of great strength, comfort, and inspiration. I have found no reason to engage in worship activities anywhere but in my own private devotions or in the fellowship of Christians in a local church.

Others have said they have found much more in meetings of what might be called para-church groups. They say that God is present and the meeting house is filled with praise and prayer. These same conditions provide reasons for my attending worship services at my church.

These statements are not meant to

indicate a judgment of para-church group meetings. If that is where some Christians need to go to find fellowship with the Lord, that is where they should go.

My experiences have been different.

The case of the para-church meetings has been presented to indicate that the Bible is the guide, that worship is joyful, that the name of Jesus is exalted and praised, that the needs of the people are met, and that the Holy Spirit is in charge of the service. That sounds like a meeting of my church.

I have never found anything so completely geared to meeting the needs of the people as local church worship services, the ministry of staff personnel between services, and the continuing fellowship with other Christians who are members of the congregation. In fact, the fellowship and the effort to meet the needs of people transcend the local congregation and move around the world to work wherever the name of Jesus is raised. Through Southern Baptist churches we give millions of dollars annually to meet the needs of people all over the world. But the effort is much more than financial. The finances are only a means to an end. The local church is the power base

for a local and world-wide witnessing program, and we have a divine mandate to be about such witnessing. The local church is also the avenue through which most of us find our way to the Savior and is a warm fellowship of believers to sustain us in our faith afterward.

Yes, gentle readers, as most of you also would testify, these are the experiences to be found in the fellowship of the local church. When the church is meeting there is to be found joy and praise and worship. If an individual misses it, it's not because the Holy Spirit is not there. He will be there, every time. His promise to be present is detailed in His Word, and he will not break that promise.

Matthew, in his gospel, recounts that Christ established the church. I must give my allegiance to it. Whether one seeks to interpret this establishment as being a universal body or a local fellowship, there can be no denying that the gathering which I attend on Sunday is included.

Paul told the saints in Ephesus that Christ loved the church and "gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her. . ."

There are many other references. These are sufficient. This is simply my testimony. The local church needs no defense.



"COME FORWARD
... A FREE GIFT
TO ALL WHO
DESIRES IT "
— REV. 22:17
(NEB.)

For Soul Thirst

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A hurricane was being born, far out in the Caribbean. When I woke up that December morning in Honduras I could hear the waves slapping against the pilings under the Wilkersons' house. The wind had been blowing hard the afternoon before, when Margaret Fry and I flew from Tegucigalpa to the Mosquito Coast. Now nothing connected us with civilization but marsh and jungle and a shaky old DC-3.

Landon Wilkerson, agricultural missionary, said he believed the lagoon would be too rough to cross that day. Yet he didn't want to give up our visit to the church on the island of Kokota. He had figured out another way to go.

His wife, Pat, found two pairs of the children's boots for us. They didn't exactly fit, but we hoped they would keep out the snakes and scorpions.

We rode three miles in the pick-up truck. Then we started walking through heavy knee-high grass, big clumps set in marshy land, boggy and wet. You had to pull your boot out of the bog and lift your leg high to get over the next clump of grass. One mile seemed more like five. Margaret kept asking, "Do we have to come back this way?"

Yet the excursion was worth the effort, for two reasons. One was hearing the music at Kokota, the Miskito Indians singing hymns and playing primitive instruments such as a turtle shell struck by sticks. The other was meeting Henry Watler.

Landon told us about Henry. "Bo-sun—that's his nickname—was born in Honduras, of a Miskito Indian mother and a Jamaican father. His grandfather was an American Negro. He can speak five languages. He is a Christian, and has worked for me as boatman the seven years I have been here. He is at home on the water and can handle any kind of boat."

Henry met us at the water's edge, in a dugout that had been fashioned from a mahogany log and equipped with a motor. He wore a short-sleeved striped cotton shirt, and khaki pants pushed into high top boots. A frizzled straw hat protected his grey head from the sun.

While Henry maneuvered the dugout across a semi-sheltered lagoon, and along a narrow stream that entered a fresh water lagoon, we ate our lunch of cookies, tortillas, and bananas.

When we were ready to return to Puerto Lampira, Margaret begged "Can't we go back another way? I think I'd rather drown than face that grass again!"

Henry said he could make it across the big open lagoon if we were game. Landon would have to take the truck home. He tried to discourage us—"You'll get wet. The dugout won't turn over, but it may stand on end."

Henry told us to put on our raincoats and scarves, and showed us where to sit to get least wet. He shouted, "Hold on!" and we were off, across the wild sea.

He talked to us, to keep our minds off our surroundings. He told us about his 15 children and 37 grandchildren, all of whom could speak at least two languages. His first two wives had died, he said. His third wife lived inland with one of the children. He preferred to keep his job on the sea and visit her when he could. Somehow as he faced the elements out there he reminded me of Hemingway's Old Man and the Sea. When he pushed his hat back, I could see that his eyes, like that other man's, were cheerful and undefeated.

We did get soaked from head to toe, but we made it safely across. We shook Henry's strong brown hand, calloused from the handling of many oars. Next morning he stood under the mango trees, wishing us a pleasant journey home.

The following March, as Henry was poling a boat on the lagoon, he had a stroke. A year later, Mrs. Charles Owen, who spent two years in mission work in Honduras, wrote me, "The stroke paralyzed Henry's legs and he hasn't been able to walk all this time. It's really hard on him because he is strictly an outside man. He has feeling coming back into his legs and we feel he may be able to walk again if God is willing. Charles went down to his house today and built him some bars from the house out toward the lagoon (he lives right on the beach) and he's going to use them to try to exercise and walk. His house has a dirt floor, and some boards are nailed to one side where he sleeps. The only other thing in the house is his mud stove. We visit him quite often and the church helps take care of him." As I had thought, Henry is not one who gives up easily.

I have on my desk a book signed, "Joni, PTL." One Thursday night I attended a supper meeting of the Christian Woman's Club in Jackson, and heard Joni speak. I bought her book, and she autographed it. This would not have been extraordinary except that she autographed it with a pen held between her teeth. At 26 she is an artist, and that's the way she paints. Joni Eareckson was injured in a diving accident when she was 15 and can move neither her hands nor her legs. Her face shines, literally, as she talks of hard-earned spiritual truths she has discovered and special ways God has revealed His love to her. The PTL after her autograph stands for "Praise the Lord."

For people like Henry and Joni—PTL. When I face depression or defeat, I think of them and take courage.

Book Reviews

CORRIE'S CHRISTMAS MEMORIES by Corrie ten Boom (Fleming H. Revell, \$3.95, 64 pp.) A festive little gift-book for the holiday season, this includes Corrie's own favorite Christmas story, her father's special Yuletide message written 50 years ago, and Corrie's recollections of holidays past, from her girlhood in Holland.

CHOSEN FOR LEADERSHIP by Porter South (Broadman, paper, 110 pp., \$2.50) Most of this book was published in 1953 under the title, *Meet the Presidents*. It has been brought up to date with a photograph and brief biographical sketch of each of the 39 SBC presidents from 1945 to 1976.

THE MEANING OF LOVE edited by Phyllis Hobe (A. J. Holman, 291 pp., \$7.95) Phyllis Hobe has chosen from the best of great poems, essays, stories, and epigrams. This collection reveals love in its many facets—friendship, romantic love, family love, love of country, divine love. Some contemporary authors included are Billy Graham, Helen Steiner Rice, Eugenia Price, Norman Vincent Peale, Marjorie Holmes, Catherine Marshall, and Frank Mend. The classics are represented, too. Striking, full-page color photographs add drama.

THE FAMILY ALBUM compiled by Arthur and Nancy DeMoss (A. J. Holman, 178 pp.,

\$7.95) This is the eleventh edition of an annual album. The collection of inspirational prose and poetry is arranged according to subject matter, such as Easter, home and family, American heritage, Thanksgiving, Christmas, worship. Magnificent full-page color photographs make this a truly distinctive book.

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On The Moral Scene

OFF-TRACK BETTING: DON'T BET ON IT—New York's experience with off-track betting (OTB) is something less than encouraging. New York's OTB has turned into a haven for patronage workers—some 2,500 in all—and has been characterized by monumental start-up and operating expenses, disasters and other sundry headaches. In return, last year the city treasury received \$63.2 million, a lot of money, but still a rather meager return for the troubles involved. . . . A recent report by the New York Police Department shows that the promotion of the city-run OTB parlors has stimulated interest in all kinds of illegal betting, including bets on horse races, and illegal bookmakers tallied a 62 percent increase in their business compared with pre-OTB days. Predictably enough, organized crime's influence in the lucrative illegal-betting market has also flourished, according to New York's finest. While OTB has proved a bonanza for the mob and unemployed party hacks, it has done little for the citizens. It has, in fact, expanded the ranks of the losers, making it possible for people who have never been to a race track in their lives to lose their money like veterans touts. And the roster of losers is riddled with the names of those who can least afford to lose: welfare recipients, the elderly on fixed incomes, young families searching for a pot of gold. Not all enterprises can be justified by taxing them in the name of "more revenue." (Chicago Daily News, September 17, 1976)

EARLY RETIREMENT—THE REWARDS AND THE PITFALLS—Americans in growing numbers are

bowing out of the work force well ahead of the traditional retirement age of 65. . . . How are early retirees faring? . . . Steadily rising State and local taxes are a problem many did not foresee. . . . Inflation has been a greater problem than many expected. . . . Many caution against pulling up stakes and leaving home-town friends and neighbors. . . . Despite such potential problems, most . . . appear to be enjoying early retirement. Only a minority are bored or disillusioned. (U.S. News & World Report, September 6, 1976)

MORE YOUTH THAN JOBS—Robert J. Havighurst points out. . . there will be more youths than jobs for the next decade. In 1975, there were 41 million Americans between the ages of 15 and 24. This group was twice as large as the 55-to-65 group whose members will be leaving the work force between now and 1985. All the conventional employers currently existing, both public and private, cannot provide enough jobs for this vast youth population. Not much imagination is needed to calculate the personal and social damage that will be done if no solutions are found to this problem. (America, September 4, 1976)

RIGHT TO DIE IN CALIFORNIA—By a considerable majority (43-25 in the House and 22-14 in the Senate), the California Legislature has passed the nation's first right-to-die legislation, officially named the Natural Death Act. The "directive to physicians," which is at the heart of the bill, applies only to terminally ill patients whose essential condition will not be altered by the application of life-sustaining

procedures, and the procedures themselves are defined as those "which . . . would serve only to artificially and unnecessarily prolong the moment of death." Wide latitude is given to the patient to revoke the directive, which, in any case, expires after five years and which, in the event of unconsciousness, only has binding force if it was executed at least two weeks after the patient was diagnosed as terminally ill; otherwise the attending physician need only consider it one factor among others. To have legal effect, the directive must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who are neither related to the declarant nor are his heirs. In addition, it contains a clause invalidating the directive if the patient is diagnosed as pregnant. (America, September 25, 1976)

R. J. REYNOLDS'S BIG PAYOFF—In the past two years, more than 100 American companies have reported secret, questionable payments to gain favorable treatment. Last week, another corporate giant added its name to the list. R. J. Reynolds Industries, a \$4.8 billion conglomerate principally in the tobacco, food and transportation businesses, admitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission that it had doled out more than \$25 million at home and abroad since 1968—more than double the amount paid by Gulf Oil. About \$19 million of Reynolds' money went for "possibly illegal" rebates paid by its Sea-Land Service Shipping subsidiary to shippers and forwarding agents. The company explained its massive rebates to shippers in language that has become common: everyone was doing it. (Newsweek, September 20, 1976)

Pastor Urges Renewed Missions Awareness

By David R. Grant

Editor's Note:

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, recently completed an around-the-world trip for the purpose of missions awareness. Over the next several weeks a series of articles by Dr. Grant will discuss his trip.

Just in case someone may misinterpret my intention in this article, I want to make an introductory statement. I am not implying that a few days in one place and then on somewhere else for a few days makes me an authority on missions. In fact, it is just the opposite. I discovered how little I knew, how much there is to be known, and what a tremendous job is done by those in charge of this work.

I am very eager to instill implicit confidence and trust in our Foreign Mission Board. I was overwhelmed at the good job they are doing wherever it was my privilege to visit, and I am assuming elsewhere. It is unbelievable how varied and complicated the work of this board is. They deal with multiple cultures and all the variations this would inevitably bring. Different countries have different political philosophies, and this complicates matters. Then there is the different economic strata in different parts of the world. I simply do not know how to say enough in the form of praise and commendation to Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and those who work with him. They have developed strategy and policies that almost seem flawless in the face of complications. Of course, one can disagree with certain practices, policies, and procedures; but most of the time the disagreements come from a lack of information. When all the facts are available, the wisdom of the decision seems high. Their selection of personnel and the placement of the same is a glaring evidence of divine leadership. One of the finest groups of people I have ever met are our missionaries.

Southern Baptists have a program for missions. Even though there are many little things that we can do, I want to undergird the main ones. The lifeline of mission work around the world is the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and

prayer.

Many churches are in the process of making up their budgets now. Let me plead that the amount included for the Cooperative Program be taken seriously. Whatever is needed locally, the money is needed worse somewhere else. God has given Southern Baptists a program in the Cooperative Program that is to be envied by many other denominations. We saw mission dollars at work around the world. My plea is to forget criticisms or efforts to find flaws in such a program and go all the way on wholehearted and enthusiastic support.

Our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are close on churches of this great convention. My prayer is that somehow we can see through spiritual eyes the millions of people who have never heard the name of Jesus and never will unless something cataclysmic can happen. I wish all could see the poverty, hunger, and hopelessness of most of the world. This would drive us to a more earnest prayer than ever before. Our ladies have done a marvelous job over the years in this season of prayer, but I would plead that it be more than a functional or a calendar event. We should make the cause of Christ all over this world a matter of more serious prayer than ever before.

Then there should be more liberal giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Time after time, we saw a house or church or car and were told this was purchased with Lottie Moon Offerings. No one can imagine, until he has seen it with his eyes and heard it with his ears, how our missionaries eagerly await the outcome of this offering to see if they will be able to meet a very pressing need.

One thing this year taught me personally is that I must give more myself. Therefore, I have to devise a plan. I cannot wait until the week arrives and then do justice to the cause. I have made a resolution that I shall triple anything I have ever given. Let's make our individual giving, our church giving, our state convention giving, and our Southern Baptist Convention giving for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the largest it has ever been.

Next time, I shall discuss the personnel on foreign fields.

Missionary Says Thais Are Now More Responsive To The Gospel

By Anne McWilliams

"Why are the Thai people more responsive to the gospel now than in the past? Thailand has not been to war for hundreds of years. The citizens are a peace-loving, fun-loving people. Now the threat of Communism is changing things. I believe that threat has made them more responsive to the Christian message."

Mary Elizabeth Ray, missionary associate home on furlough, was answering my questions about the country where she and her husband, Dr. Charles Ray, have spent the past four years.

"The teacher has always been highly regarded in Thailand," she said. "In years past the pupils learned by rote. They believed exactly what the teachers told them. However, this new generation has a difficult attitude. They are asking more questions, thinking more for themselves."

I was eating lunch with Mrs. Ray on Forest Point beside the reservoir. While on furlough she and her husband are living in the home of her mother, Mrs. Martin Gilbert, at 117 Oak Drive, Brandon. (Mrs. Gilbert lives in an apartment in Jackson now; she and her late husband bought this Forest Point home two years before his death. He was for many years an associational missionary, and also was director of the Rural Church Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.)

"Missionaries in Thailand have requested fifty new missionaries for the next four years," Mrs. Ray said. "The country is immediately surrounded by countries that have recently become communist. Both Christian nationals and missionaries desire to reach this country while it is still possible to do so."

I asked her if she thought there would be any change in mission work in Thailand because of the new military government. She said that she did not think there would be.

"The wife of the new prime minister, Tanin Kraivixien, is a Christian," Mrs. Ray said. "She has asked that Christians pray for her husband, that his regime might be successful, and that he might be a good leader. Also she indicated that her husband is sympathetic with the cause of Christianity."

In Bangkok the Rays worked at Calvary Baptist Church, an English-language congregation. When they left last April, to be on furlough for a year, it was necessary that someone else take over the work. Therefore, they



Dr. and Mrs. Ray

will be returning to an English-language church in some other city, perhaps Hong Kong or Seoul.

They came home by way of Israel, Athens, Madrid, and Rome, thus completing a trip around the world. They served for a short time in Japan before going on to Bangkok.

"We've just returned from two weeks in New York, where we spoke in WMU leadership conferences," she said. "We were busy all summer. I have spoken in WMU meetings, church and district. We were at Ridgecrest for Foreign Missions Week." Charles spoke in R. A. camps and in Montgomery and Carroll annual associational meetings. He preaches every Sunday, sometimes three times in one day. Before going to Thailand he was pastor of North Greenwood Church for twelve years.

"On the opening Sunday of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions we will speak at Tupelo and Terry," she said. "We were recently in a world missions conference in Copiah-Lincoln Association." Some time soon we hope to visit Charles' mother, Mrs. L. M. Ray, and his sister in Fort Worth.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, I hope all of our family can be together. They have two sons, both married, but no grandchildren. Charlie, a third-year student at New Orleans Seminary, is serving as a minister of youth.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here elected two new faculty members, Ben F. Philbeck and C. Roy Woodruff, during the board's semi-annual meeting.

Philbeck, professor of religion and coordinator of the religion and philosophy department at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will serve as professor of Old Testament literature and Hebrew and head of the department of Old Testament studies. His appointment is effective May 1, 1977.

Woodruff, associate professor in the department of patient counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va., will come to Midwestern, Nov. 15, 1976, as associate professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care and head of the department of pastoral care.

In other action the trustees heard a report from the seminary's auditor's that the seminary ends fiscal 1976 in the black, and they participated in an "affirmation service" for John C. Howell, who was elected academic dean last spring. He is the second dean in the school's 19-year history, succeeding Roy Honeycutt.



Autumn Romp

The picnickers and campers have gone and the leaves are thinning. A doe ventures out of the woods to enjoy a romp in a field. At least until hunting season, the deer can enjoy what people have claimed all summer. (RNS Photo by Clifford R. Yeich).

Chilean Funeral Gives Mission Work Insights

By James Lee Young

TEMUCO, Chile (BP) — It was a cold rainy night as Southern Baptist missionary Jean Huckaby and I drove the empty, dark streets to meet four Mapuche Indians from the nearby reservation.

The man who had called was a Baptist and knew the missionaries had carryall vehicles that would suit the Indians' sad task.

The Indian's friend had lost his wife in childbirth, and her body was in the morgue at the regional hospital in Temuco.

We pulled up to where the men said they would meet us and got out. A drizzle of rain made the night seem even colder, but the Indians paid it no heed. They talked in quick Spanish to Huckaby, explaining the situation.

A pine coffin lay across the street on the curb where it presented a curious and not-too-pleasant picture, even to the local carabineros (police) who wanted it moved.

The four hoisted the coffin, carried it to the back end of the carryall and slid it into the vehicle. Huckaby tried to adjust it to fit, but it wouldn't. So we

removed the bolts, then the lid so the casket would ride inside with the back gate closed.

Three Indians climbed into the vehicle's back seat. Huckaby drove; I sat between him and the Baptist Mapuche. We rode, mainly in silence, to the hospital and pulled up to a gate, where the four got out and went around to the hospital's entrance.

Some 20 minutes later, a hospital employee opened the gate. Huckaby drove the carryall into an enclosed area, turned it around and backed it up to the double doors. Then began a half-hour wait for the body to be delivered from the hospital morgue. The coffin—a pine box with no lining—was lifted from the carryall and placed in a back room near the doors.

Huckaby talked briefly with his Baptist friend and found that the Indians had come a long way by ox cart from the reservation to the highway, after the woman began having physical problems. They got on a bus with her and rode to the hospital in Temuco. She died in the hospital. We did not know what happened to the baby and did not find out that night.

The widower was not a Christian, but his Mapuche friend had already tried to witness to him verbally. Much of the witness, however, came through the Baptist Indian's and the missionary's willingness to help. The Indians had no other way to get the body back to the reservation for burial.

"People here are very close to death," Huckaby explained. "There is no middle man, no one to shield them from the reality of death. The only thing the undertakers do here is furnish the coffins and burial sites. The rest is up to the family." I watched as the father of four children stood stoically by the coffin waiting for his late wife's body.

Huckaby and I walked outside while

said, "The windows of our house there had no glass, but did have wooden louvers. Windows on three sides of the bedroom, plus a ceiling fan, would allow the air to circulate."

"We worked with students, too, at the Baptist Student Center," she said.

Until recently the student work in Bangkok has been carried on by the Thai Baptist Mission through the student center, a modern, four-story building at a busy city intersection. Now this is being gradually changed to an on-campus approach. This new type of ministry is discussed in an article in October Commission.

At the Student Center, English classes are still held, plus game nights, coffee houses, and English worship services on Sunday. In Thailand, there are as many as 150,000 college students, a good percentage of them in Bangkok.

"We had good fellowship with the Thai students," Mrs. Ray said.

Dr. Ray, now a student again himself, came home to lunch just as I was leaving. He had been to Mississippi College where he is doing graduate study in English.

The first question a Thai student usually would ask them was, "Why did you leave America to come here?" That gave them the chance to say, "Because of Jesus and His love."

Thailand Mission Work Proceeding Normally

BANGKOK, Thailand (BP) — Mission work is proceeding normally in Thailand since the October military takeover of the government, according to Southern Baptist missionary Ronald C. Hill.

Hill, chairman of the Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), said the situation is calm and church meetings are still being permitted. He did not indicate any changes in the work of the mission or churches.

In a telegram to William R. Wakefield, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia, Hill reported that schools are closed until the end of October. The coup occurred as a result of disturbances and fighting at Thammasat University here, according to reports.

In an earlier report, Southern Baptist missionary Hubert A. Fox reported a good deal of fighting and bloodshed had occurred but said the missionaries were not involved in any way in the fighting or disturbances.

the Indians dressed the body and places it in the coffin, fastening the lid on. No one had cried.

They brought the coffin out and again placed it in the carryall's back seat. But again it wouldn't fit, so we had to take the lid off—this time with the body inside.

The Indians, Huckaby and I climbed into the vehicle and bounced over the cobblestone streets of Temuco toward the Mapuche reservation. Finally, in the country, we left the main road and bounced even more over rocks and ruts and mudholes on what was supposed to be a road.

After about an hour the Indians began to ask Huckaby to blow the vehicle's horn, which he did. Sound carries a long way in the country night air, and they wanted to alert their family and friends they were coming.

Some winding turns, and we came to a halt in a field. Huckaby sounded the horn a few more times, then we lifted the coffin over a fence to carry it to the Baptist Indian's home.

That's when I became a pallbearer at a Mapuche Indian funeral. One of the Indians lit a candle and we were off.

The coffin was heavy as we walked in silence through the mud and drizzle the 100 or so yards to the house. Huckaby was to my left, and two Indians carried in front.

As we came to the house, I noticed to the left a thatched-roof structure and on the right, a larger but none-too-pretty building. This was the Baptist Mapuche's home. He opened the front door and went inside; then we lifted the coffin into the house. It barely went through the door, width-wise.

Not wanting to violate custom or courtesy, I waited outside as Huckaby and three Indians went inside. The man of the house (the Baptist Mapuche) invited me inside.

I walked into a small, makeshift living room that even most North American hunters would find lacking. There were virtually no luxuries. It reminded me of movies I had seen about the old west. It was home to them. I

was at once impressed with their strength and their poverty.

Huckaby and I were both escorted to the head of the coffin at the far end of the room from the door. I was told later these were honored positions. The room filled with Indians until there were about 10 or so standing around the coffin. Then I realized—they had asked Huckaby to preach the funeral. He hadn't known either this would happen. I heard someone coughing behind the wall, and Huckaby spoke to them in Spanish, explaining we were there because Christ loved them. He preached a Christian message of salvation; then he prayed for the family. Our Mapuche Baptist friend prayed also, entrusting his friend's late wife to God's care.

The stirring of the candle flame made the whole scene chilling, yet even more sad.

The funeral ended. The husband took out a handkerchief and dabbed at his eyes. I still hadn't seen any tears. His Baptist friend dabbed at his own eyes. That was it—no other crying or emotion.

Huckaby went around the room, stopping to shake hands with each Indian and say a few words of comfort. I stood quietly, waiting, again not wanting to be out of line or discourteous. They thanked us; four of us hoisted the coffin and carried it outside. Then four Indians picked it up and began to follow the lead Indian who carried the candle toward the widower's home—where the woman's body would be buried, after a "wake."

As we followed, the sight of the candle flame silhouetting and flapping mantas (like serapes), hats and the coffin created an eerie effect.

Huckaby and I climbed the fence, got into the carryall and drove away. As we pulled away from the field, I commented on what an unusual adventure it had been. His comment: "That's missions."

(Young is feature editor for Baptist Press. He recently spent two weeks exploring mission work in Chile.)

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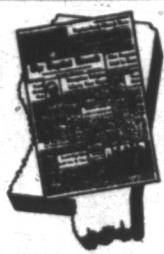
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Just For The Record



High Attendance Day at Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City, saw the goal of 176 people in Sunday School broken by an attendance of 188, second largest in the history of the church. The people were asked to sign commitment cards which were used to build the church, pictured. Admiring the attendance record are, left to right, J. W. Wilkinson, Sunday School Director, Wayne Kirk, Assistant Sunday School Director, and Rev. Farris Smith, pastor. The goal was a climax to the enlargement effort that has seen the average attendance grow from 120 during the last year to an average of 146 during the month of October.



Members of Spring Hill (Marshall) welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. William Phillips, his wife Ruth, and daughter Mary with an Open House at their church home in Waterford on Sunday, October 24. Baptist Women, who presented gifts to the Phillips family, furnished refreshments for the reception. Rev. Phillips moved to the Spring Hill pastorate from New Hope (Benton). He formerly was pastor of other churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee.



Left to right, Dr. Norman O'Neal, Bobby Arnold, Steve Cook, Rev. James Messer, Demery Grubbs, and Mrs. Kay East.

Warren Baptists Plan Open House

Warren County Baptists will hold Open House at their new office on Sky Farm Ave., Vicksburg, on Sunday afternoon November 14, from 2 to 5. The office was a two-bedroom mobile home unit. It is located on a lot adjacent to Trinity Church. A brief dedication service will be held at 2, but members of the churches are invited to come and see the office and have fellowship any time between 2 and 5. The Committee appointed by the

Executive Committee to purchase and locate the office unit consisted of Rev. James Messer, chairman, Steve Cook, associational moderator, Bobby Arnold and Demery Grubbs.

Dr. Norman O'Neal serves the association as director of missions and Mrs. Kay East is the secretary-treasurer.

Warren County Baptists have 14 churches in the association, with a total of 9,265 members.

Centerville Deacon Dies

Guy Lee, member of Centerville Church near Tylertown, died October 26, at 66. He had served as deacon, song leader, and in other offices of the church.

One of the members states, "He was a true man of God and will be greatly missed. None will miss him more than the children of the church. Guy always had a smile and a piece of Juicy Fruit chewing gum for the little ones."

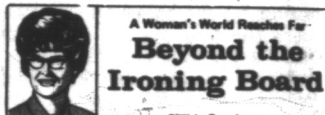
A six-year-old at Centerville wrote this about Mr. Lee: "Mr. Guy's life is closed, but his spirit is open. May his spirit live forever — we'll remember him forever."

Growth Design Business Begun In Tupelo

GROWTH DESIGN ASSOCIATES of Tupelo, Ms. announces incorporation as a non-profit educational organization concerned with individual growth and leadership development.

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Heidi Harper is two years old. Her daddy, Cecil, has a truck of vintage enough to have a few non-functioning mechanical parts. Like most little girls, Heidi loves to ride in the truck with her Daddy.

One day not too long ago they were on their way somewhere, and Heidi was standing up on the seat. Her Dad used those words we often use with small ones that sort of beat around the bush and do not come straight to the point. These words did not suit Heidi. She listened to him talk about the fact that the door might not stay closed, that she must be careful, you know how parents are.

Finally, Heidi looked at Cecil and said, "Daddy, do you want me to sit down?"

He said, "Yes, I do want you to sit down."

Then she said, "Well, why don't you say, 'Heidi, sit down?'"

So he said, "Heidi, sit down."

And Heidi sat down.

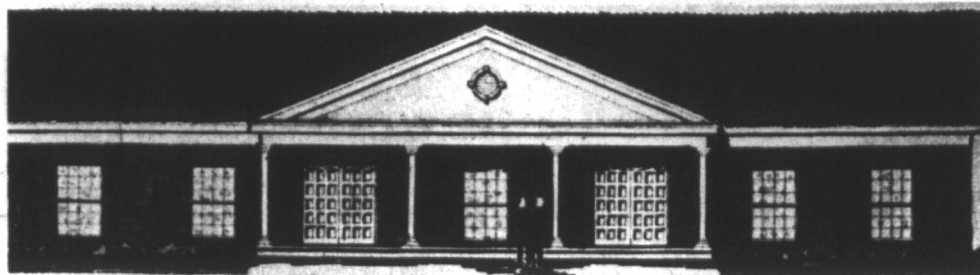
And that was that.

There must be at least a dozen issues, every day, in every family or in every relationship that could be settled just as quickly and painlessly as that one was. State what is expected in clear, understandable terms. That's what all of us want to hear; we want to know what is the best thing for us to do. If we're really serious about the business of communication and the business of building meaningful relationships, we want to know.

We don't always have to know why at the moment. We just need to know what. My parents used to say that to me occasionally, and I had forgotten it until I heard about Heidi. My Daddy, used to answer my "Why?" with, "You don't have to know why, you just have to know that you must do this (or that you cannot do this)." I learned most of the why's as I grew up and could understand without having things spelled out.

There's some sound psychology in that two-year-old.

Heidi, you may now stand up and take a bow!



Covington, Jeff Davis Plan To Build Center

The Long Range Planning Committee of Covington and Jefferson Davis Associations has announced plans for the construction of a new Baptist Missions Center near the intersection of highways 84 and 35 in Covington county, according to the Rev. L. R. Atchison, director of missions for the associations.

The associations approved the plans of the Long Range Committee in their annual meetings in October. The committee, with Ingram Foster, Jr. as chairman, has been involved in a study concerning such a project for almost

two years. Those serving on this committee, representative of the two associations, are: Joe B. Thompson; Rev. Foy Killingsworth; Curtis Bridges, Sr.; Marvin L. Graham; Rev. Billy Greene; Lawrence B. Hemeter; Dr. John Barrow; W. B. Todd, Sr.; Larue Magee; James Anglin; and Norman Robinson.

The beautiful facility, located in the center of the two-county area, will cover a space of approximately 3200 square feet with the structure divided into various room compartments consisting of: director's office, secret-

ary's office, conference room, reception area, kitchen, rest rooms, and a large assembly area to be used for multiple purpose training conferences. The associational center will provide adequate work-space for the associational personnel as well as serving as a resource and training center for the churches of the association.

The financing will be provided through the churches of the associations and individual contributions. The Long Range Committee expects initial construction to begin around January.

Action

"Action is the program we need for our lagging Sunday School." This was the unanimous decision of the pastor and the Sunday School director of First Church, Purvis. Materials describing the plan were secured. The pastor attended the Action meeting provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Sunday School Department.

After much prayer and studying the Action materials, the plan was presented to the Church Council, the deacons, and then to the entire Sunday School. There was an air of skepticism with a few, but most of the people were enthusiastic about it. They pledged to enroll more than 500 new Sunday School members.

The first afternoon more than 100 were enrolled in Sunday School. During the first week about 200 were added to the Sunday School rolls. Action was working! The people were excited. God was blessing.

"How shall we evaluate Action after 9 months?" the pastor asks. "We may do it statistically: February 1, 1976 there were 551 enrolled. October 30, 1976 there were 784. A net gain of 233. There was an average attendance 325 in 1975-1976. Action began to demonstrate its worth with the maintaining of good attendance during the summer months. There was no real summer slump. As vacations ended attendance began to climb. The average attendance for September and October, 1976 has been 386. High attendance was 454. Action can really be

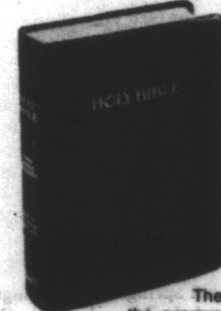
measured in the spirit of those who are eager to see people reached for Bible study and Christ."

After nine months Action is still working! Dr. Bob Parker is Sunday School director. Dr. Thomas M. Hall is pastor.

Revival Dates

Sunshine Church (Rankin): Nov. 14-21; 7 p.m.; Jerry Mixon, evangelist; Richard Miller and family, music evangelist; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

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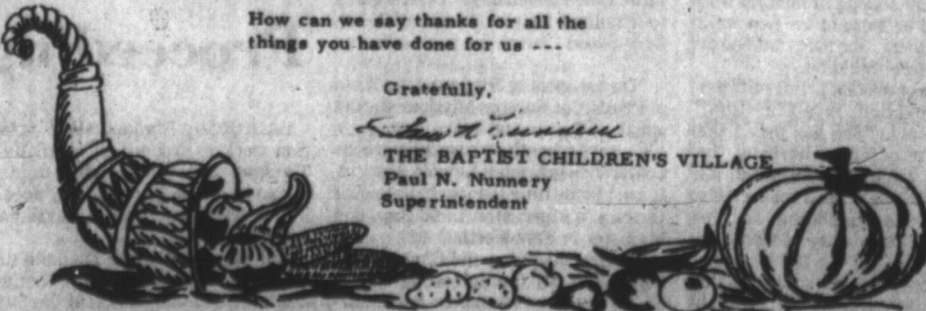
We are thankful because we are privileged to number you and yours among these people of God, these friends of children!

In this special year for all Americans - at this special season for all Christians - we remember, in paraphrase, a line from a song our Village children sing:

How can we say thanks for all the things you have done for us ...

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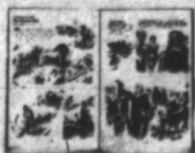
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Clear Springs Church Burns

Clear Springs Church was completely destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of October 19. The church is located in rural Smith County, at Route 1, Louin, about seven miles west of town.

"We were a full time church with services twice each Sunday," says the pastor, the Rev. R. R. Gordon. "The building and contents, valued in excess of \$50,000, were not insured."

MC Alumni Plan Breakfast At Convention

Mississippi College alumni and friends from throughout Mississippi attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson Nov. 15-18, are invited to a Continental Breakfast sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Bernard Blackwell, director of alumni affairs, said the complimentary breakfast would be held in the Auxiliary Building of the First Baptist Church of Jackson on Wednesday, Nov. 17, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. This will be a fellowship time and no formal program is planned.

The Continental Breakfast during the convention was initiated last year and the response was tremendous. Blackwell is anticipating another big turnout for this year.

ERIAL, N. J. (RNS) — The Garden State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Bodies has passed a resolution opposing the proposed casino gambling proposal which will be voted on in the coming November elections.

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Mississippi Club Officers

The officers for the Mississippi Club of Southwestern Seminary for the 1976-77 school year are pictured here with Seminary President Robert E. Naylor. Front row, left to right: Diane Smith of Jackson, president; Dr. Naylor; Val Frailey of Corinth, vice president; Back row, left to right: Tommy Anthony of Jackson, co-publicity chairman; Linda Sinquefield of Jackson, secretary-treasurer; Brenda Teague of New Albany, program chairman; and Stan Pendarvis of Jackson, co-publicity chairman. There are 88 students from Mississippi enrolled at the seminary this year. The current enrollment is a record breaking \$202.

Donald Tharp Enters Full-Time Evangelism

The Rev. Donald Tharp has announced that he is entering full-time evangelism. He has been pastor of Bluff Springs Church in Pike County for two years.

Rev. Tharp was licensed to the ministry in 1966 at Bethel Church, Brandon, when the Rev. Curtis McGee was pastor, and ordained in 1968 by Sunshine Church (Rankin) when the Rev. Vance Dyess was pastor.

While in school at Clarke College he was pastor of Sunshine Mission, Union (Rankin), and Steele (Scott).

In 1974 he graduated from East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, with a B.A. degree. While a student there he was pastor of Southland Church at Shreveport.

Six months after he became pastor of Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia, the church-building burned. Under his leadership the church has been completely rebuilt, including an educational building and a sanctuary that seats 325. While he was at Bluff Springs, he attended New Orleans Seminary.

Native of Greenwood, he is married to the former Brenda Alston of Pearl. They have three sons. He has held many revivals in Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi.

Rev. Tharp is available for revivals, Bible study classes, chapel talks in schools, Brotherhood and WMU talks. His address is: Donald Tharp Evangelistic Association, Route 1, Box 42A, Brandon, MS 39042 (phone 825-3209).

Portuguese Forming Home Mission Board

VISEU, Portugal (BP)—A record number of 178 "messengers" to the Portuguese Baptist Convention voted to form a three-member Home Mission Board (HMB), at their 43rd annual assembly here.

Five new churches were admitted to the convention to bring its number of cooperating churches and missions to 55. Two of the newly admitted churches are on the Azorian Islands.



Miss Cecile Moore, left, presents to Mrs. Carleen McGraw, on behalf of First Church, Louisville, a book of letters from friends, a gift of silver earrings and bracelet, and a check including love gifts. (Photo by Lorene Wood in the WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL)

Carleen McGraw Honored At 1st, Louisville

First Church, Louisville, recently honored Mrs. Carleen McGraw, church secretary, for her 25 years of service and dedication to the church.

October 10 was designated as Carleen McGraw Day.

Mrs. McGraw became church secretary in October 1951 while Rev. James Fairchild was pastor. She has seen the church office grow from one small room to the spacious office suite it now comprises.

At various times during the 25 years she has served as a department director and teacher of Sunday School, department director and leader in Training Union. At present she is teaching a Bible study in Church Training and also in Baptist Young Women. In addition she serves as literature librarian with full responsibility for ordering and distributing periodicals.

Carleen Turner McGraw was born and reared in the Coldwater community of Neshoba County. In August, 1942, she married Thomas M. (Abe) McGraw and moved to 222 Pontotoc Street, Louisville, where she still resides.

Her daughter Cindy, now Mrs. Russell Bush III lives in Fort Worth, Tex. with her Southwestern Baptist Seminary professor husband, and son Josh.

Another daughter, Jenise, is on the staff at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in Glorieta, New Mexico.

Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile, 2007 A 24th Avenue, Meridian; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia, c/o Mrs. Earl Skinner, Rt. 4, Tylertown; R. T. and Fran Buckley, Bangladesh, 921 Jackson, Columbia; Mary Alice Ditsworth, Indonesia, 4610 Orchard Road, Pascaoula; Charles and Elizabeth Ray, 117 Oak Drive, Brandon; Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, Guam, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson; Jim and Carolyn McAtee, Indonesia, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson;

John and Fonce McFadden, Nigeria, 542 Calhoun St., West Point; Edd and Freda Trott, North Brazil, 208 East Main, Clinton; Bill and Carolyn Smith, South Brazil, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson.

Mary Jo Stewart, Ecuador, Edgewood Terrace, Apt. E-11, 220 Edgewood Terrace, Jackson, MS. 39206.

Others to arrive in December will be Rachel Dubard, Liberia; Steve and Minnie Hicks, Mexico; Major and June McDaniel, Korea; and Charles and Indy Whitten, Spain.

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November 16

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Lawrence Palmer, Mars Hill
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Charles Griffin, Oak Grove

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Willie C. Brown, Singleton
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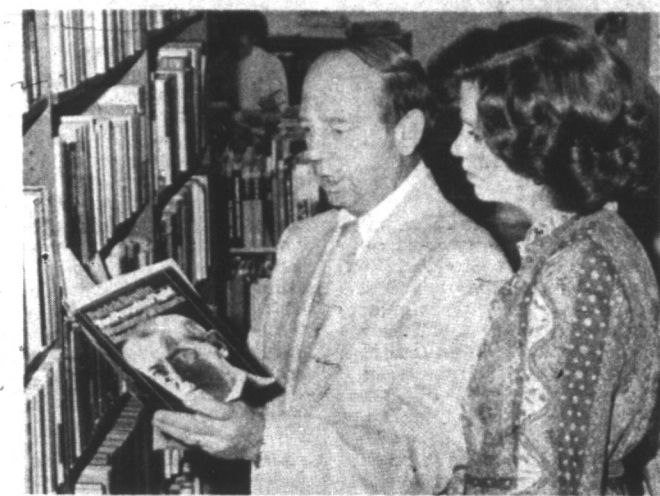
The Mississippi Alumni Association of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, will meet for a luncheon Wednesday, November 17, at 12 noon according to an announcement by the Rev. Ben Bennett of Yazoo City.

The luncheon, to be held during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be at Bonanza on Highway 90 West, Jackson — Dutch treat.

Dr. J. W. Lee will be guest speaker. New officers will be elected and information will be given concerning the new degree program at BBI.

Thursday, November 11, 1976

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Wilson Collection Given MC

Mississippi College has received one of the most comprehensive collections of books on Woodrow Wilson for its Leland Speed Library that can be found anywhere. Examining the Wilson books, plus other rare and historical volumes are Dr. Edward McMillan, dean of the Graduate School and head of the department of history, and Peggy McDaniel, Clinton, president of the Student Body Association. The over 1,200 volumes were given by Dr. George Osborne, a 1927 grad of the college, and emeritus professor of history at University of Florida. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Miss Mississippi To Speak At Carey Alumni Breakfast



William Carey College alumni who will be attending the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting in Jackson, November 15-18, will be honored at a breakfast, according to Alumni Association president, Tommy King.

Miss Mississippi, Carey's Bobbye Wood, will be the featured entertainer at the affair which will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday during the convention. The Youth Center at First Baptist Church will be the site of the breakfast.

All alumni and their spouses are invited, but reservations must be made in advance through the Office of Alumni Affairs at the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey College. The cost is \$2.50.

Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, will share the latest progress report as well as projected plans for the future.

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Names In The News

Elmo McLaurin has begun his sixth year as minister of education at Highland, Meridian. He served previously in Laurel, and Beaumont, Tex., in similar capacities. A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he is married to the former Sandra Pryor of Laurel. They are the parents of four children, Tanya, Stuart, Julie and Tiffany. Mr. McLaurin is currently serving as Sunday School director for the Lauderdale Association. Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton is pastor at Highland.

Doug "Stormy" Day began his work on October 22 as minister of activities at First Church, Starkville. He is a native of Memphis, and a graduate of White Station High School where he was an all-star athlete. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and played football for the Volunteers. Then he attended Southwestern Seminary. During the summer of 1973 he was recreation director for Gloria Assembly. As minister of youth and activities, he served First Church, Houston, Texas from 1973-1975, and the Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, immediately prior to moving to Starkville. He and his wife, Jean, have one son, Michael, 13 months.

Jack P. Lowndes, editor of The New York Baptist, included in his editorial comments for the October issue a note of thanks. He said, "Our thanks to Miss Edwina Robinson who has served for over five years as our WMU secretary. Miss Robinson served effectively as WMU secretary for Mississippi Baptists. After retiring she worked part of each year with our own WMU in Baptist Convention of New York. We will miss your visits, Miss Ed. Thanks for a job well done. You have helped make our WMU one of our strongest units." Gloria Grogan is assuming this work.

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Aubrey Jones of Holly Bluff, Miss., has been approved to receive Church Pastoral Aid by the Home Mission Board. CPA is a salary supplement to enable a new mission congregation to have a full-time pastor who will lead them to self support. Persons receiving CPA are listed among the Home Mission Board's missionaries. Jones, a native of Mississippi, will be pastor of Springfield Baptist Chapel in Springfield, Vermont. He is a graduate of Clarke College and attended Mississippi College.

James V. Lackey has been named ACTION consultant in the Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Lackey's primary responsibility will be in the development of new Sunday Schools. Before assuming his present position, he was a sales consultant in the Sunday School Board's Broadman division.

Pontotoc County native, Blue Mountain and Ole Miss graduate, Miss Laverne Bray, assistant professor of business and assistant residence hall director for the past ten years at Mississippi University for Women, recently retired, after teaching 36 years in Mississippi and Florida. During her teaching career she taught in two state universities, three junior colleges, and six high schools. In addition to her teaching, she has done much church work, serving as Baptist Student Union sponsor on three college campuses at various times. She worked with the Student Association, taught a Sunday School class, and was director of a Baptist women's group. She was honored with a retirement tea in the Charles P. Hogarth Student Center at MUW. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc. She plans to live with her mother, Mrs. Joe Bray, in Pontotoc.

John Edward Rush, 38, a former Broadman sales representative for the Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been employed by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission as assistant director of stewardship development. Rush's appointment was announced by Commission executive director-treasurer, A. R. Fagan.

Marvin T. York, Jr. has been named senior vice president for investments at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Board President Darold H. Morgan. York will succeed Frank L. Durham on March 1.

Durham plans to retire at that time. York joins the Annuity Board after serving more than 13 years with the First National Bank of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the State (address: Terrace View Apts., 4-C, Greenwood, Miss. 38930). Both are natives of Mississippi. He is from Jackson. The former Zelma Van Osdel, she was born in Montrose and grew up in Pascagoula. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947, he was pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Orlinda, Tenn.

Mary Jo Stewart, missionary to Ecuador, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Edgewood Terrace, Apt. E-11, 220 Edgewood Terrace, Jackson, Miss. 39206). She is a native of Caesar, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald W. Perrill, missionaries to Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand).

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore, missionaries to Europe, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o General Delivery, Brownwood, Tex. 76801).

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Off The Record

A mother was chiding her son, "Why didn't you come and tell me when that boy was throwing rocks at you?" "What good would that do?" he asked. "You couldn't hit the side of a barn."

Oliver Wendell Holmes was unfailingly courteous to attorneys who appeared before the Supreme Court. No matter how tedious their presentations, he always made them feel that they had his attention.

One day, a long-winded lawyer was pleading his case with such deadly dullness that Holmes' colleagues, in a lapse of judicial decorum, began to fidget in their seats.

Holmes, however, was a picture of concentration. His eyes glued on the lawyer, he made frequent notes on the pad in front of him.

The jurist seated next to him leaned over and whispered in disbelief:

"Are you really taking notes on what he is saying?"

"Of course not," confided Holmes. "I'm writing a letter to a friend."

When his daughter commented on the fabulous new equipment in her high school home economics classroom, the father asked, "What have you learned to cook so far?"

The girl shrugged. "We haven't gotten into cooking yet," she replied. "We're only up to thawing."

An elderly man was sitting on the porch of a little village store when an expensive new car drove up with two strangers in it.

"Hey, Gramps!" one of them called out derisively. "How long has this burg been dead?"

The native looked at them carefully over the rims of his spectacles.

"Not long, I reckon," he finally replied. "You're the first buzzards I've seen."

A man and his wife went shopping for a man's suit and as the salesman measured the husband's waist, she remarked, "It's amazing when you realize a coconut palm that wide at the bottom would be at least 90 feet tall."

First duck: "Check that twin-engine jet that just went by; don't you wish you could fly that fast?"

Second duck: "Buddy, if I had two tails and they were both on fire—you wouldn't even see me!"



Radio-TV Honors Hobbs

HOBBS HONORED — The airplane represents an expense-paid trip to Hawaii for Dr. and Mrs. Herschel H. Hobbs (center), honored by the Radio and Television Commission's board of trustees for 18 years service on "The Baptist Hour." Dr. Hobbs also was presented the Commission's Distinguished Communications Merit Award by Dr. Paul M. Stevens (right), Commission president. Jerry Hobbs (left), was flown in from Delaware to be with his parents during the evening's events.—Radio-TV Commission Photo.

Devotional

Discipleship

By Sherman Barnette, Pastor, Friendship, Grenada
Mark 9:34-48

In verse 34 we find the outline for Christian discipleship. First, deny self. Webster's says that to deny self means "to do without desired things." In this verse it means that believers are to give God "top priority" in their lives. To do what God wants us to do first. Many believers give God the leftovers. Many will say, "When I get through with my work, or when I get through doing what I want, when I get through paying all my bills, I'll give God what is left. Someone has said, 'The only good Christian is a dead Christian.' Not a dead body, not a dead mind, but a dead self. What if someone were to give us a signed blank check? What if they were to say, 'Fill it in for any amount you want.' We would get excited about that. Why not give God the 'blank check to our lives' and say, 'Lord, here's my life, You fill in the blank.' Denying self is absolute, unconditional surrender to the Lord.

Secondly, take up the cross. This means to be willing to suffer for Christ. I remember hearing Billy Graham say it means as we would say today, "Take up the electric chair." To be willing to give our lives for the cause of Christ if necessary. There will be times when we Christians will have fun poked at us, if we take a stand. There are times when we will be ridiculed, but we must take our stand and be counted for the Lord even if it means suffering physically.

Thirdly, follow me. Be willing to go where He (Christ) wants us to go and do what He wants us to do. There was one man in the Bible who said to Jesus, "Let me go back home first." Another said, "I have just bought a yoke of oxen," and still another said, "I have bought some land, and I need to go see it," but Jesus said, "Follow me."

Paul says in Romans 14:7-8 (LB), "We are not our own bosses to live or die as we ourselves might choose. Living or dying we follow the Lord." Again in I Corinthians 16:19-20 Paul says, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." As believers, everything belongs to Christ and because we love Him, we are to "deny self, take up the cross and follow Him."

Highland, Vicksburg, To Celebrate Hillcrest, Laurel, 25th Anniversary On November 21 Calls W. O. Pippen

Members of Highland Church, Vicksburg, will celebrate the church's 25th anniversary on Sunday, November 21 according to the Rev. James E. Messer, pastor.

In 1951, 25 years ago, Highland was constituted into a church (known as Harmony).

The anniversary celebration will be held with the following participating: Rev. Bobby Thompson, former pastor, morning message; Rev. Lynn Turner, former pastor, afternoon message; Rev. Carl McGraw, former pastor, closing afternoon message; Bill Clark, special music, afternoon service; Rev. H. L. Fewell, former pastor, evening message.

(Other former pastors who cannot

attend are Rev. C. L. Bryant and Rev. W. H. Henderson.)

The schedule for the day will be Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11; special afternoon service immediately following dinner on the ground; Church Training 6 p.m.; evening worship 7 p.m.

The church history will be shared during the afternoon service.

TAWAU, Malaysia — Representatives from seven churches and four chapels recently met here to organize the East Malaysia Baptist Convention. The churches and chapels represented are in the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

The Rev. W. O. Pippen has accepted the pastorate of Hillcrest Church, Laurel. He began his work there on October 10.

Rev. Pippen's most recent former pastorate was Hebron Church in Clay County. He resigned at Hebron because of a severe heart condition which ultimately resulted in heart surgery. The doctors have pronounced him well again, and he states: "I would like to thank all those who offered prayer in my behalf."

Sunday School Lesson: International For November 14

The Reconciled Life

By Wm. J. Falls
Romans 12

Many church members really enjoy Bible conferences, revival meetings, spiritual retreats, and doctrinal seminars, but they find it convenient to miss church business meetings. They don't like sermons or conferences on community problems and Christianity. Some of them seem to feel that religion is only worship, theology, Old Testament stories, and gospel singing. They don't want to mix their faith with practical matters. But at this point they fail to follow Jesus or Paul. The last three lessons for this quarter on "The Message of Reconciliation" examine what it means practically to live the reconciled life. Christian belief is not just something to be recited but is intended to make a difference in everyday Christian living.



The church of Macedonia has been an example for us to follow all these years. These people were not wealthy but gave liberally. But first they gave themselves, then they gave more than was expected. When people totally give themselves to the Lord, then they give all they have as well. What happened to awaken their generosity? Whatever happened was the manifestation of God's grace. If God gives us a great gift out of His grace toward us, then our stewardship should be based on our sense of gratitude toward Him.

"For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means" (II Cor. 8:3). The one invariable rule of Christian stewardship is that one gives according to his means. They not only gave what they were able, but more than they were able. They gave because of love. No one coerced or compelled them to give. Their contributions were not merely money, what they gave were their hearts. Money was only the means of giving.

Faithful stewardship involves giving sacrificially. Our giving needs to reflect the joy that only comes when we share. Our giving should help us to open our eyes beyond our own needs to the needs of the world and others. Our giving of more than 10 per cent can stretch our ability to multiply our talents and strength.

I really believe the more we give the more we get. God's Word says that He cannot trust us with a lot if we cannot handle a little. Giving is a means of opening the doors of heaven for God to pour out upon us more than we need.

believers have been saved by God in Christ, they must present themselves as living offerings to him. Whatever they have been in the past, they must be transformed by a complete change in their minds (v. 2).

The first step in that direction, said Paul, was that each person should evaluate himself honestly, being careful not to magnify his good points and hide his bad ones. To the extent that he receives and practices faith, God will help him see himself as he really is. That attitude will help him relate constructively with other members of the church. Each one can be appreciated for his own distinctive contribution to the fellowship, just as the different parts of the human body perform unique functions without rivalry. Then Paul mentioned seven gifts to be used in the growing life of the church, and he urged that they be used faithfully. They are skills for service, not mere badges of honor.

Show Brotherly Love (vv. 8-13)

Paul is not saying here that bothers ought to love one another; that would be expected in the family. He is saying in verse 10: "Love each other with brotherly affection and take delight in honoring each other" (TLB). He was writing to Jews and Gentiles, and their love must not be hypocritical. They should "contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality" (v. 13, RSV). But besides these specific injunctions to show love, Paul also described some general ways to

strengthen the loving brotherhood. Verse 11 talks about working hard and glowing with the Spirit while serving the Lord. Verse 12 can be translated: "Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times" (TEV). All these come from the renewed mind.

Use Good To Overcome Evil (vv. 14-15)

While the preceding five verses seemed to focus on relationships within the church, these five seem to look mostly outward. Certainly that is true of verse 14 and probably of 17 and 18. The basic principle in these relationships is: use good to overcome evil. It is an unexpected and even radical strategy. It is full of risk and potential achievement. Blessing a persecutor could move him to more cruelty, but it might cause him to stop and think to more cruelty, but it might cause him to stop and think about what he is going, and even change his ways. Returning good for evil and living peaceably with all people would be proof of the reconciled life.

Both inside and outside the fellowship, Paul urged believers to empathize with others, to relate to them in both their joys and their sorrows. Especially within the church they should: "Live in harmony with one another. Don't become snobbish but take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinions" (Phillips). Paul mentioned all these things because he knew they were real problems in the New Testament churches.

Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work For November 14

God's Expendables

By Bill Duncan
I Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:25-30
2 Corinthians 8:1-5

John D. Rockefeller was dying at age 55. He was living on crackers and milk and could scarcely enjoy the results of his untold wealth. He spent most of his time in bed, but at his own word had not enjoyed one uninterrupted hour of sleep in five years. He was hungry but could not eat, miserable with no apparent recourse but to slowly give in to death. He was weakened by a blood disease and rocked with pain from an ulcerated stomach. He supposed that since he was going to die, he might enjoy doing something that he had not done until then. Among the things he did, there was one activity which he credited with much of his miraculous healing. He lived after that thirty-five more years. What was that one thing? He learned to give! Within twelve months after he began the exciting adventure of giving, he was virtually well and spent the rest of his days a whole man.

God has given to us a mighty gift—the privilege of giving. "With that privilege exercised, we can open the treasures of the whole universe and get heaven down to earth."

Two roads are clearly offered to each of us in life. One is the road of the self-life that seeks intellectual entertainment and wins the applause of men, but ends in corruption, failure, and defeat. The other road leads by the

way of the cross, the path of unpopularity, making him a spectacle to the world, often criticized and derided, even persecuted. That is the road Paul chose.

Paul said, "I want you to think of me as no more than a minister of Christ and a steward of the mysterious of God," and "moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). Here is the principle of all ministry, the background for all Christian living, the thing that distinguishes the man who knows God and walks with Him from the man who is just theorizing about religion and whose heart is empty.

The word "minister" here literally means "under-power." It pictures the ships of Paul's time manned by gallery slaves who worked to row the vessel along. These slaves were just muscles and bones and most despised. Paul was glad to count himself a slave of the Lord Jesus Christ, completely submitted to His authority and happy in the Master's service. The man who one time boasted of his religion and intellect began in his words, "I am nothing—simply a slave of my Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul says he is a steward of the mysteries of God. The steward is the manager or someone who gets in the supplies to dispense to the family. In this way, Paul was content to be a channel through whom God's power, authority, and word could go out in a blessing to the world.

The first step toward usefulness is for a man to turn his back deliberately upon all self-ambition and self-confidence. So that he can be totally dependent upon God.

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